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Oceania Club Championship

OPERATION BRAZIL

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Despite his relative youth, the phlegmatic and serious Postecoglou has steered the giant South Melbourne club to winning the last two National Soccer League Championships.

But now, Postecoglou's mission in Fiji over eight days has become the most critical challenge in this young Australian's brief coaching career.

When contacted last night, the characteristically quietly spoken Postecoglou said: "I've done much research already and whatever I've asked of South's management I have not been denied and have been given unquestioned support.

"I flew to Fiji two weeks ago on a reconnaissance mission to check out all the playing pitches, hotel accommodation and local conditions.

"The hotel we've selected (Macombo near Nadi) is okay. But the playing surfaces at Nadi (Prince Charles Park) as well as at Lautoka, left a lot to be desired.

"The pitch at Lautoka is much smaller. But both were very poor, with dusty surfaces and little, or no grass at all.

"It won't be any walkover as the conditions are very difficult over there."



Big challenge ahead: South Melbourne coach Angle Postecoglou

The Final will be played in Nadi (Prince Charles Park) on Sunday, September 26.

The former Australian international defender added: "Last week I flew to New Zealand and watched the Grand Final where Central United defeated

Dunedin Technical 3-1.

"Central United, who have former Marconi international striker Fred de Jong in their side, has now been drawn in Pool C for the Tournament in Fiji.

"We have been drawn in Pool A.

"Our preparation for this tournament has been very solid over the past three weeks and South are looking real sharp.

"We also have played two hard matches against Carlton and the Melbourne Knights and won both. We've played other friendly hit out games against local teams and also did well."

Having lost his international goalkeeper Michael Petkovic just recently to French club Strasbourg, Postecoglou moved quickly and replaced him with a 193cm tall Hungarian custodian from Hungary's most famous club, Ferencvaros.

"His name is Milan Udvaracz and at 31 possesses heaps of senior experience in Europe including many UEFA Cup matches."

Postecoglou's squad will be greatly bolstered by the return of Australian Olympic Games team defender Con Blatsis.

Newly signed midfielder Richard Alagich, according to Postecoglou, has already fitted in nicely into South's



South Melbourne captain Paul Trimboli

squad.

Said Postecoglou: "I honestly feel that this South Melbourne squad is much stronger than that from last season."

OCEANIA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

September 18-26, 1999

Pool A

South Melbourne (Australia)
Malaita Eagles (Solomon Islands)
Konica (America Samoa)

Pool B

Nadi (Fiji)
AS Venus (Tahiti)
Kiwi (Samoa)

Pool C

Central United (New Zealand)
Tafea (Vanuatu)
Lotoha' Apai (Tonga)

Saturday, September 18

(Prince Charles Park, Nadi)
Nadi v AS Venus 3pm

Tafea v Lotoha' Apai 5pm
South Melbourne v Malaita Eagles 7pm

Monday, September 20
(Prince Charles Park, Nadi)
Nadi v Kiwi 4pm

Malaita Eagles v Konica 5pm
Central United v Lotoha' Apai 7pm

Wednesday, September 22
(Churchill Park, Lautoka)
South Melbourne v Konica 3.30pm
AS Venus v Kiwi 5.30pm
Central United v Tafea 7.30pm

Friday, September 24
(Churchill Park, Lautoka)

Group C winner v Best runner-up 5pm
Group A winner v Group B winner 7pm

Sunday, September 26
(Prince Charles Park, Nadi)

Third & Fourth playoff 1.30pm

FINAL 3.30pm

Please note, Fiji is three hours ahead of Sydney time.

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George Haralambakis	Doctor
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Milan Udaravcz (Hun)	Goalkeeper
Chris Jones	Goalkeeper
Con Blatsis	Defender
Fausto De Amicis	Defender
Steve Iosifidis	Defender
Nick Orlic	Defender
Robert Liparoti	Defender
Goran Lozanovski	Defender/midfielder
David Clarkson	Midfielder
Steve Panopoulos	Midfielder
Richie Alagich	Midfielder
George Goutzoulis	Midfielder
Tas Psonis	Midfielder
Paul Trimboli	Midfielder/Striker
Mustafa Mustafa	Midfielder/Striker
Anthony Magnacca	Striker
Vaughan Coveny (NZ)	Striker
Michael Curcija	Striker
John Anastasiadis	Striker
Jim Tsekiris	Striker

TRAVEL AGENTS

South Melbourne has appointed Parthenon Travel as its official travel agent for the Oceania Club Championship in Fiji.

Parthenon Travel has put together some travel packages for fans interested in joining the team in Fiji. Phone (03) 9639 1177 for details.

Season Launch

South Melbourne will launch their National Soccer League season this morning (Tuesday), in the Legends Room at Melbourne's Crown Entertainment Complex.

As well as bidding farewell to its Fiji-bound team, South officials will announce two significant sponsorships and unveil the new club logo.

Correction

In the August 24, 1999, edition of ABSW, film producer-writer-director Rod Hay was incorrectly referred to as an Australian-based South African.

He was in fact born in London and played for West Ham United as a junior.

In 1970, Hay immigrated to Australia as a young adult and has lived here ever since except for an eight-year stint in South Africa in the 1980s.



Rod Hay

Perth Glory trials

Brazilian international

By Richard Kreider

Edgard Junior, who has been playing with Gremio in Brazil, flew into Perth yesterday morning (Monday) to start a series of trials with Perth Glory.

The blond haired 25-year old defender-midfielder, who doesn't

the Brazilian Youth side in December 1992 for a series tournament, but he was injured just prior to the team leaving.

Dega as he prefers to be known, has been playing with Gremio which won the South American championship in 1995.

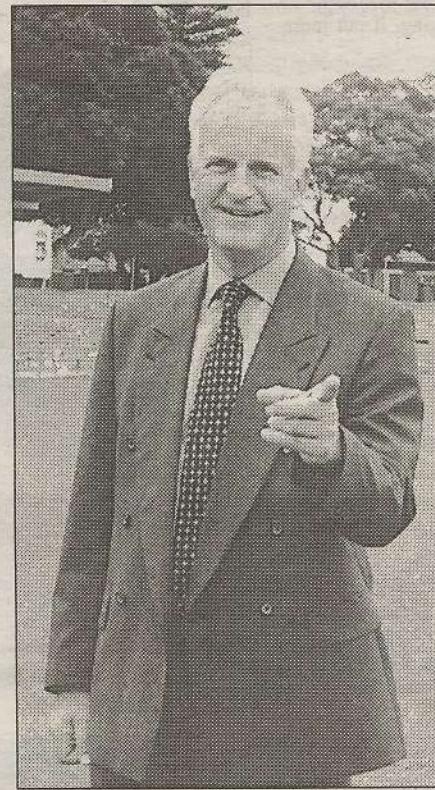
His captain at that time was 'Emerson' who is currently the national captain and playing with Bayer Leverkusen of the German Bundesliga.

Glory coach Bernd Strange says Dega has been highly recommended and he is quietly optimistic about his chances of selection.

Dega is married with one child but they have remained in Brazil pending the outcome of his time in Perth.



speak a word of English, has never left Brazilian shores although he was to have travelled to Australia with



Bernd Strange: Dega was highly recommended to him.

GIPPSLAND SURRENDER

By Damian Tripodi

The Gippsland Falcons had to sadly surrender the prestigious Tynan-Tyre Cup, following a 3-0 defeat at the hands of current Australian champions South Melbourne, in the second game of a double header played at Mobil Park last Sunday.

The Falcons won the cup last year.

In the first match the Melbourne Knights defeated Carlton by two goals to one.

The loss effectively means that the Falcons have lost any chance of playing in the final.

This week, at the Veneto Club in Bulleen, as a curtain raiser to the final, the Falcons will meet an "All Stars" team from the Victorian Institute of Sport.

A 3-0 scoreline would normally indicate a drubbing, however, it was a hard fought game with the courageous young Falcons giving the classy and well prepared South Melbourne outfit a few scares.

South played possession football with some clever passes, however, the three goals were not hard earned, rather, the result of Falcons mistakes in set pieces.

The Falcons already undermanned through injury suffered injuries, first to goal keeper Bojo Jevdjovic, who recovered enough to stay on the

ground and then to Scottish import Sandy Robertson, who was stretchered off.

Up to the injury, Robertson was brilliant in midfield. His replacement, local youngster Jonathan Buhajar, showed great skills and promise in his first appearance with the senior team.

South opened their encounter at the 27th minute through a Jim Tsekinis header. At the 40th New Zealand international Vaughan Coveney, moving forward lobbed the ball over the outcoming Falcons keeper for South's second and with eight minutes to the end, Michael Curcija, from a scramble in front of goal pounced on the ball to score his team's third.

In the second half, the Falcons put South Melbourne under pressure and came close to scoring on at least two occasions. Dean Fak was creating good opportunities and Mehmet Durakovski was excellent in defence.

Whilst disappointed at the loss, Falcons coach Jeff Hopkins was pleased with his team's fighting spirit. "Even in defeat we were actually getting play. We were good in defence and I was pleased with the efforts of the younger players," he said.

"We have a few areas to work on and I am positive that it will all come together in time for the opening of the season."

Sydney United have continued their solid build up to the season.

Last week United signed former Wollongong midfielder Ray Younis to a two year deal.

In addition, exciting 18 year old midfielder Steve Bozinovski will move up to the first grade squad



Velimir Kupresak: Sydney United captain.

UNITED ON THE MOVE



after coming through the Sydney United junior ranks.

Last Friday night, United defeated a Macedonian Select team 4-0 in a trial match. The following day, United played Wollongong Wolves away and triumphed 2-1 after being a goal down at half-time.

The goalscorers were trialist striker Nick Bolevski and captain Velimir Kupresak. United will be hosting a number of trials leading up to the NSL kick off. Tomorrow night (Wednesday) Sydney Olympic will visit Edensor Park.

This Sunday, Newcastle will make the three hour trek to Sydney United with first grade kicking off at 3pm.

A planned trial against Wollongong scheduled for September 21 has been cancelled.

United kick-off the NSL season at home against Northern Spirit on Monday, October 4.



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Under 14 — Tuesday 26, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 October 1999

Under 15 — Monday 1, Wednesday 3 and Friday 5 November 1999

Under 16 — Tuesday 2, Thursday 4 and Friday 5 November 1999

YOUTH LEAGUE

Under 13 — Monday 25, Wednesday 27 and Friday 29 October 1999

Under 14 — Tuesday 26, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 October 1999

Under 15 — Monday 1, Wednesday 3 and Friday 5 November 1999

Under 16 — Tuesday 2, Thursday 4 and Friday 5 November 1999

STATE LEAGUE

Trials for Under 18s, Under 21s and Seniors will be held during the first three weeks of November on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Venue: Fred Caterson Reserve — Field No 4

Gilbert Road — Castle Hill

Time: 7.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Enquiries: Louis Faydherbe — Cadet/Youth League Coordinator

9894 7724 after 6.00 p.m. or 0414 567 893

THE GOOD OIL ... ALL THE NEWS

David Ratcliffe, who last week signed up wide player Ray Younis from Wollongong Wolves for his Sydney United squad, has lined up a friendly hit out against the Newcastle Breakers this Sunday (September 19).

The Youth game kicks off at 1pm with the seniors starting their match at 3pm at the Sydney United Sports Centre.



David Ratcliffe: Sydney United's new coach.

Farina with the National team.

"Every time I played for Australia, I was extremely proud to do so and I will be attacking the role as assistant coach with the same passion."

"We (Arnold and Farina) are committed to taking Australia to the next World Cup, something we both could not enjoy as players, but to do it as coaches would be just as satisfying, if not more," Arnold ended.

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Sean Cranney, the Brisbane Strikers' mobile international right flanker, was spotted by 'Good Oil' in Sydney early last week.

The blond attacker was down south to watch his brother Troy play for the Northern Spirit.

Don't be surprised however if S. Cranney is looking to link up with a Sydney club.

Being a free agent, it's not necessarily the Spirit Sean could be soon joining.



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Graham Arnold the Northern Spirit's player/coach informed 'Good Oil' late last week: "As far as I'm concerned I have retired from playing."

"I'm getting on a bit and it's hard enough coaching without playing as well."

Only last week Arnold was officially appointed by Soccer Australia to the position of being national coach Frank Farina's assistant.

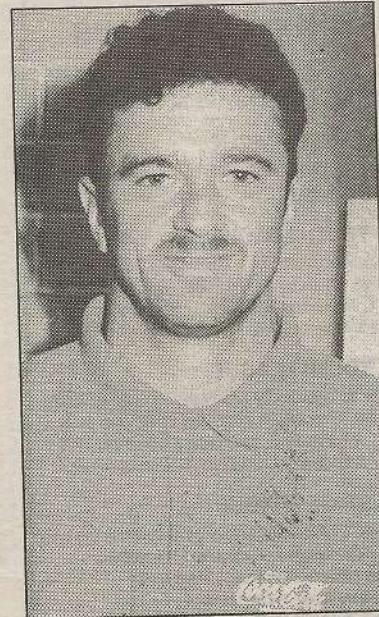
Readers of 'Good Oil' may recall that they were the very first alerted that Arnold would be appointed as assistant to Farina.

Not last week, as Soccer Australia announced, but in the August 3 edition of ABSW by this very same column.

In a communiqué rifled out by the Spirit on the same day as Arnold's national appointment, it stated: "Northern Spirit coach Graham Arnold assures the Club's Board, playing staff and fans that he is not about to neglect his Club duties after his appointment as assistant coach to the national team."

Arnold's position with the national team is part-time and thus will not conflict with his duties as Head Coach of the Northern Spirit.

Arnold is ecstatic to be working with



Graham Arnold: New assistant national coach.

Francis Awaritefe, Marconi's highly industrious striker, was hotly rumoured over the past 10 days that he would very soon be departing from the Marconi Stadium.

The rumours reached such fever pitch late last week that it was also strongly being suggested that the big man was either returning to Melbourne or linking up with the Northern Spirit.

That is until 'Good Oil' decided to first front Spirit's coach Graham Arnold and then the gangly striker himself.

"I've got no idea where the hell this story came from as I've heard it many times myself," a frustrated Arnold told Good Oil.

"I've got strikers coming out of my ears at the Spirit, so why would I want another?"

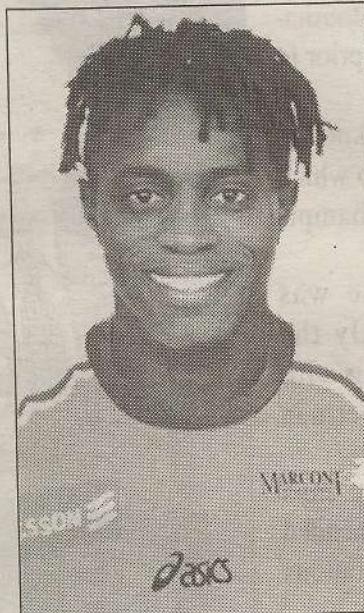
"And just one other point while we're on this. I have not seen or spoken to Francis for weeks," Arnold ended.

'Good Oil' cross checked with

By John Economos

Francis the same day who said: "I've got no idea where it all started but as far as I know it just is not true."

"I've still got another year of my contract with Marconi and I'm very happy here."



Francis Awaritefe: Staying at Marconi.

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Sydney Olympic, who last Sunday had a friendly hit out against the Rockdale Suns at Rockdale, will tomorrow night (Wednesday) back up and play another trial match, this time against Sydney United at the Sydney United Sports Centre.

This match will kick off at 7pm.

Olympic to date has played six trial matches, easily the best preparation over recent years.



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Out of nowhere lately it seems to have become most fashionable for a Rugby League club wanting to enter the ranks of our National Soccer League.

The Parramatta Leagues club formed a successful submission and has created the NSL's latest addition (Parramatta Power) for this coming season.

'Good Oil' however already knows that the Power is not the only Rugby League club wanting NSL status.

We can't say much right now but it's clear that there are another two Leagues clubs wanting to climb into Soccer.

It's black and white to 'Good Oil' that there's not just one shark in the pool.

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Mark Bosnich seems to be in some bother, if you believe the British press.

Just days after United had announced unexpectedly that they had signed 29 year old custodian Massimo Taibi from Venezia of Italy for a transfer fee of \$11.3 million, United's manager Sir Alex Ferguson was reported to have disturbingly stated: "I did not sign Bosnich for our Club. The Board of Directors did."



Sir Alex Ferguson: Manchester United's super manager.

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The Parramatta Power has already issued the prestigious "Number One" Season pass to a most prestigious sports person, none other than World Super Lightweight Champion, Kostya ('Taronga') Tszyu.

Last Wednesday the ponytailed world boxing champion met the Power players at training at the Parramatta Stadium where the special presentation was made to him.

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The Grand Final of 'The Carty and Forsyth Memorial Cup' between Wollongong Wolves and Sydney Olympic will be played this Sunday at the Parramatta Stadium. Kick off is set down for 5pm.

The curtain raiser at 3pm for the Playoff for third spot will be between arch rivals Marconi and the Northern Spirit.

At 1pm the NSW Police Soccer team takes on the Victorian Police.

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Pierluigi Diga, Marconi's newly signed 31 year old central midfielder, seemed elated at the Club's extravagant promotional media launch at Darling Harbour last week.

In unveiling the team's new playing strip and the new 'Stallion' logo, the Club's marketing people injected four red hot gleaming Ferraris during the launch.



Pierluigi Diga: Disappointed there's no Ferrari.

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Kostya Tszyu: Adds punching power to the Power.

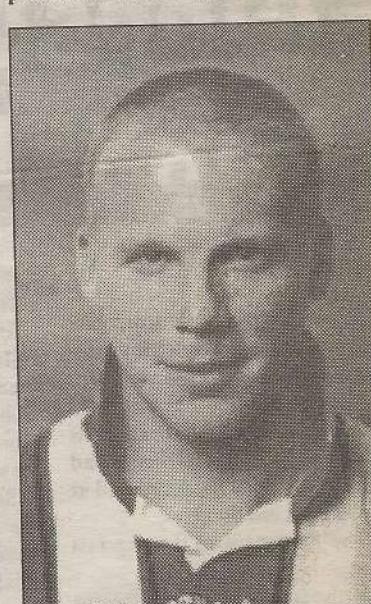
In fact the carrot topped player has always been known to do anything for a laugh.

Many times Slater has driven his very close mate and Spirit coach Graham Arnold, nuts.

Recently all the Spirit players were requested to fill out a media profile to be incorporated in the Club's new Media Guide.

One question requested the player's height.

Slater promptly filled out "Tall". The Spirit captain has skill, pace, plus heart...but TALL?



Robbie Slater: Spirit's skipper, anything for a laugh.

No less than six players from last season's Northern Spirit Youth team have been upgraded into the first grade squad for the coming new season.

A big wrap for Youth coach and former international, Gary Van Egmond.

Promoted into Graham Arnold's squad are Adam Griffiths, Ryan Griffiths, Antonio Faria, Elvis Olic, Jack Sobczyk and Adam Snyder.

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AS PRE-EMPTED in last week's edition of ABSW in 'Good Oil', it's now finally official.

As from last Friday, it became official that ERICSSON AUSTRALIA, who for the past four years has been

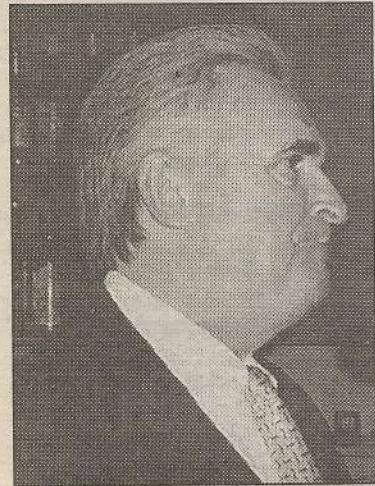
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the National Soccer League's major sponsor, has now ceased to be so.

However the telecommunications global giant will retain some involvement with the NSL but as such has immediately relinquished the naming rights to the League.

General manager of the National Soccer League Stefan Kamasz stated last week to the press: "Soccer Australia's relationship with Ericsson over recent years has been very positive and we are happy that an ongoing relationship with Ericsson will be maintained."

The Company in withdrawing its major sponsorship reasoned that over recent times the direction of Ericsson Australia has changed, now necessitating a review of the sponsorship arrangements with Soccer Australia.



Stefan Kamasz: General Manager of the NSL.



'THE POWER AND THE PASSION' headed the communique sent out last week by the League's newest club the PARRAMATTA POWER.

The press release contained the Power's well designed logo and motto.

The concept for the logo was carefully selected from a competition organised in the local press within the Power's district.

Power's marketing manager Lawrie McKenna reasoned that the winning entry of the chosen logo reflects 'togetherness, strength and commitment'.

McKenna advised that: "The Power and the Passion", the team's motto which has been inscribed on the logo in Latin, is a great way to show our commitment to the Club earning and creating a proud tradition."

The logo was released last week to coincide with the Season Tickets going on sale.

Season tickets may be purchased from the Power office at 10 Grose Street, North Parramatta or by calling (02) 9630 9777.



Next Tuesday the Parramatta Power will launch its season strip as well as the identity of its major sponsor.

The newly designed strip will look fabulous and be very similar to a famous World Cup outfit.



David Mitchell has now completed his signings of his new squad at the Power.

Mitchell's latest and final two additions, both from Sydney United, are goalkeeper Andrew Crews and right defender Peter Bennett.

The Power earlier on had great hopes of signing as a guest player former Liverpool international midfielder, Ray Houghton.

But Houghton's pending arrival at the Power now seems more than remote.



Simon Colosimo, Australia's fabulous goalscorer defender was in Sydney last week and of all places, was spotted out at Club Marconi.

This excellent player who was so cruelly cut down by Manchester United striker Andy Cole's savage late tackle that shattered Colosimo's left knee ligaments, was paying a visit to see his old friend and Marconi's new coach, Eddie Krnecic.

Simon was also in Sydney with his girlfriend to attend a function at the Hilton.



Northern Spirit's new strike signing of David Seal set to play in tandem upfront with the lanky Clayton Zane should have the Spirit fans buzzing at North Sydney Oval.

For most of last season, 'Clackers' played the 'lone ranger' in attack which didn't help him much in the goals department.



Melbourne yesterday (Monday) celebrated the 'One Year To Go' countdown to the Olympic Games Soccer tournament at South Bank, highlighting athletes from track, field, swimming and Soccer, plus celebrities.



Simon Colosimo: In Sydney last weekend.

Two days before Sydney's Opening Ceremony next year at the Olympic Stadium at Homebush, Melbourne will in fact host the first session of the Olympics Soccer tournament at the MCG.

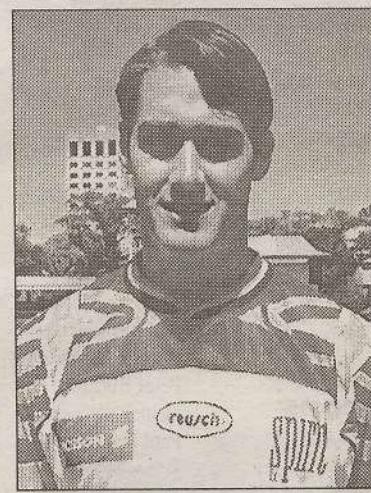
SOCOG's Chief Executive Sandy Hollway stated last weekend: "It is appropriate that Australia's other Olympic Stadium (1956), the MCG, be the venue to host the first session of Olympic sport in 2000."

Melbourne will host seven Olympic Soccer games, including five double header preliminary matches, plus a Men's quarter as well as a semi final.

By John Economos

It's believed that a recommendation has already been dispatched from SOCOG to FIFA to have the male Australian Olympic Soccer team seeded.

Should this recommendation be ultimately adopted, it will guarantee that Raul Blanco's Olympic team will play in Melbourne on the opening night.



Clayton Zane: This season has a 'partner -in-crime'.

SOCOG has recommended to FIFA to seed the World's Women's champion team (the USA) in Melbourne for the Olympics Soccer tournament.

This move could see the USA Women's team play three of the four preliminary games also at the MCG.

Melbourne has been scheduled to host up to 17 different Olympic Soccer teams from September 2nd to 27th, 2000.



Rugby League super stars of today as well as of yesteryear, seem to prefer that their offsprings take up playing Soccer.

Sydney United's Head Coach David Mitchell just two weeks ago signed up 17 year old goalkeeper Liam Reddy, son of former St George and Australian international great, Rod.

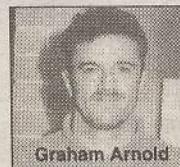
Last week the Northern Spirit's Shane Lyons, son of Manly Warringah's evergreen five-eighth, Cliff.

Surprisingly Shane Lyons has never played Rugby League although he has followed his father's fortunes closely.



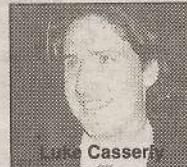
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Under 11

Sat. 9th October 1pm

Sat. 16th October 1pm

Sat. 23rd October 1pm

Sat. 30th October 1pm

Under 12

Sun. 10th October 3pm

Sun. 17th October 3pm

Sun. 24th October 3pm

Sun. 31st October 3pm

Youth League

venue (Leichhardt Oval No.2, Glover St, Leichhardt)

Under 13s

Sat. 9th October 9am

Sat. 16th October 9am

Sat. 23rd October 9am

Sat. 30th October 9am

Mon. 11th October 6pm

Mon. 18th October 6pm

Mon. 25th October 6pm

Mon. 30th October 6pm

Under 14s

Sat. 9th October 11am

Sat. 16th October 11am

Sat. 23rd October 11am

Sat. 30th October 11am

Tues. 12th October 6pm

Tues. 19th October 6pm

Tues. 26th October 6pm

Tues. 2nd November 6pm

Under 15s

Sun. 10th October 9am

Sun. 17th October 9am

Sun. 24th October 9am

Sun. 31st October 9am

Thurs. 14th October 6pm

Thurs. 21st October 6pm

Thurs. 28th October 6pm

Thurs. 4th November 6pm

Under 16s

Sun. 10th October 11am

Sun. 17th October 11am

Sun. 24th October 11am

Sun. 31st October 11am

Fri. 15th October 6pm

Fri. 22nd October 6pm

Fri. 29th October 6pm

Fri. 5th November 6pm

Under 18s

Venue — Lambert Park, Marion St, Leichhardt

Sun. 19th September 10am

Fri. 17th September 6.30pm

Sun. 26th September 10am

Fri. 24th September 6.30pm

Sun. 3rd October 10am

Fri. 1st October 6.30pm

Under 21s

(Players who consider themselves as 1st grade applicants are invited to attend these Under 21s trials)

(Venue — Lambert Park, Marion St, Leichhardt)

Tues. 14th September 6.30pm

Thurs. 16th September 6pm

Tues. 21st September 6.30pm

Thurs. 23rd September 6pm

Tues. 28th September 6.30pm

Thurs. 30th September 6pm

Tues. 5th October 6.30pm

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NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

THE OFF-SEASON MOVES SO FAR

Adelaide Force

New players	From
Aurelio Vidmar	Sanfrecce Hiroshima (Jap)
Ivan Zelic	Canberra Cosmos
Corey Artone	Adelaide Sharks
Danny Vidakovic	Adelaide Sharks

Departures	To
David Terminello	Carlton
Travis Dodd	Newcastle Breakers
Dino Mennillo	Kings FC
Bradley Armour	Adelaide Sharks
Mark Yates	Adelaide Sharks
Damian Stam	White City Woodville (SA)
Daniel Menecella	Campbelltown City (SA)
Andy Leane	Cumberland (SA)

Adelaide Sharks

New players	From
Peter Blazincic	Northern Spirit
Bradley Armour	Adelaide Force
Mark Yates	Adelaide Force
Michael Brooks	Wollongong Wolves

Departures	From
Corey Artone	Adelaide Force
Alex Castro	Canberra Cosmos
Danny Vidakovic	Adelaide Force
Richard Alagich	South Melbourne
Hamilton Thorpe	Perth Glory
Nathan Wildy	Released
Paul Souris	Released
Derek Poimer	Released
David Miller	Released
John Gibson	Released

Kings FC

New players	From
Marcus Stergiopoulos	Carlton
Dino Mennillo	Adelaide Force
Gavin Wilkinson (NZ)	Perth Glory
Ricky Van Steedan (NZ)	Carlton
Jason Batty (NZ)	Singapore
Chris Jackson (NZ)	Napier (NZ)
Harry Ngata (NZ)	North Shore (NZ)
Fred DeJong (NZ)	Central (NZ)
Robbie Middleby	Bayer Uerdingen (Ger)
Ivan Vichelich (NZ)	Central (NZ)

Departures
N/A

Brisbane Strikers

New players	From
Paul Foster	Northern Spirit
Kasey Wehrman	To Perth Glory
Steve Laybutt	Parramatta Power
Andrew Packer	Carlton
Chris Zoricich (NZ)	Sydney Olympic
Craig Williams	Released
Andrew Harper	Released
Glenn Kolpak	Mt Gravatt (Qld)

Canberra Cosmos

New players	From
Alex Castro	Adelaide Sharks
Gordon Hunter (Sco)	Hibernian (Sco)
Brian Hamilton (Sco)	Ayr United (Sco)
Glen Kolpak	Mt Gravatt (Qld)
Jason Polak	South Melbourne
Daniel Watkins	Northern Spirit (loan)

Departures	To
Peter Buljan	Perth Glory
Ivan Zelic	Adelaide Force
Lindsay Wilson	Sydney Olympic
Anthony Magnacca	South Melbourne

Norman Kelly (N Ir)	Released
Amiraldo Miglietti (Por)	Released
Doug Marcina	Gippsland Falcons
Leo Langone	Released
Dale Wingell	Released

Carlton

New players	From
Craig Deans	Perth Glory
David Terminello	Adelaide Force
Dave McPherson (Sco)	Hearts (Sco)
John Markovski	Perth Glory
Angelo Motsiopoulos	Victorian Institute of Sport
Mike Conroy (Sco)	Blackpool (Eng)
Andrew Packer	Brisbane Strikers
Steve Martin	Carlton Juniors
Stuart Slater (Sco)	Watford (Eng)

Losses

To
David Cervinski
Marcus Stergiopoulos
Marco Bresciano
Ricky van Steedan (NZ)

Gippsland Falcons

New players	From
Doug Marcina	Canberra Cosmos
Sandy Robertson (Sco)	Dundee United (Sco)
Mehmet Durakovic	South Melbourne
Michael Katz	Gippsland youth team
Johnathan Buahiar	Gippsland youth team

Departures	To
Claudio Canosa	Released
Billy Mitroulis	Released
Peter Di Iorio	Released
Chris Ball	Released
Levant Osman	Trialing in Germany

New players	From
Pierluigi Digaia	Italy
Paulo Marchesini	Italy
Harry Karl	Melbourne Knights

Departures	To
Luke Tomich	Newcastle Breakers
Marcus Phillips	Sydney Olympic
Ante Covic	Paok Salonika (Gre)
Robbie Hooker	Released

Melbourne Knights

New players	From
Mark Silic	Tennis Berlin (Ger)
Paul Urlovic (NZ)	Central (NZ)
Murtala Abbas (Alg)	Malaysia

Departures	To
Tom Podeljak	Sydney United
Harry Karl	Marconi Stallions
Zoran Markovski	Green Gully (Vic)
Damian Vojtek	St Albans (Vic)
Sonny Sevin	Green Gully (Vic)
Ice Kutlesovski	Released

Newcastle Breakers

New players	From
Travis Dodd	Adelaide Force
Luke Tomich	Marconi Stallions
Vas Trpcic	Perth Glory
Robert Angevski	Sydney United
Chad Mansley	Newcastle Juniors
Joshua Ferguson	Newcastle Juniors
Paul Wheeler	Newcastle Juniors
Peter Juchniewicz	Newcastle Juniors

Departures	To
Peter Ritchie	Released
Robert Shannon (Sco)	Released

POWER EDGE OUT GLORY

PERTH GLORY
PARRAMATTA POWER

By Richard Kreider

There were no panic scenes in the Perth Glory changing rooms after Parramatta Power scored a see-saw 4-3 victory in a pre-season friendly at Litis Stadium last Sunday before almost 2000 people.

The win to the National Soccer League newcomers is the ideal start to what will be a week of intensive preparation in the West.

"There was a lot of tired legs out there" said Power coach David Mitchell who was more than satisfied with the way his charges battled on until the final whistle.

"I was especially pleased with the way the team worked with each other," he said.

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Glory coach Bernd Stange admitted his side still has a lot of work to do, especially in the backline, but laid heaps of praise on his teenage midfield-

the 87th and 88th minutes to give their side a stunning victory.

Perth Glory: T.Franken, R.Trajkovski, S.Miller (V.Kalogeracos 22), G.Naven, J.Harnwell, H.Thorpe, J.Afkos, J.Carbone, I.Ergic, B.Despotovski (D.Valle 66), C.Boutsianis.

Parramatta Power: A.Crews, M.Santalab, S.Eagleton, R.Plesa, J.Vrkic, P.Bennett (L.Campbell 76), W.Ardone (J.Gibson 62), M.Sterjovski, J.Griffiths (J.Angelucci 62), M.Blagojevic, D.Townsend (A.Erlrich 85).

Goals:

Glory: Despotovski (p) 57, R.Trajkovski 72, I.Ergic 84.

Power: M.Sterjovski 17, J.Griffiths 31, J.Gibson 87, S.Eagleton 88.

Y/Cards:

Glory: C.Boutsianis 65,

Power: J.Gibson 70, M.Blagojevic 73, M.Sterjovski 74.



striker Ivan Ergic who followed his four-goal haul from the previous week with another solid performance and a classy goal.

After goalkeeper Tony Franken denied Mile Sterjovski with a reflex save in the seventh minute, the U/21 Player of the Year made no mistake 10 minutes later when he nodded a Walter Ardone centre into the net at the back-post.

Joel Griffiths made it 2-0 after 31 minutes when he outpaced the flat Glory defence before slotting the ball past the advancing Franken. The Perth side was handed a lifeline in the 57th minute when referee Pat McCaffrey awarded a penalty for what seemed a fair challenge by defender Richard Plesa.

Bobby Despotovski easily converted the spot-kick past Andrew Crews left hand.

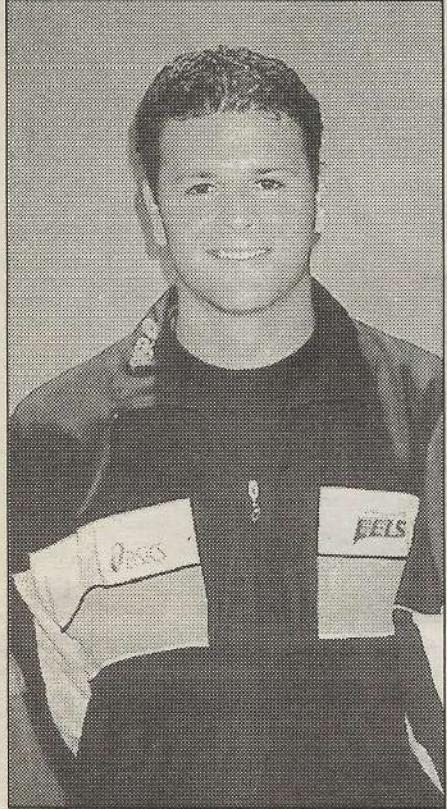
Rob Trajkovski equalised in 72nd minute direct from a freekick when Con Boutsianis (who is normally the dead-ball specialist) was given treatment on the touchline after Joe Vrkic fouled him.



Ergic then put the home team in front 12 minutes later from a tight angle, but the Power rebounded in devastating fashion when John Gibson and Steve Eagleton scored to give their in



Bobby Despotovski: Converted from the penalty spot for Glory.



Mile Sterjovski: Opened the scoring for Power.

MARCONI'S FERRARIS



One of the four Ferraris at Marconi's launch. See also Good OI!, page 4.

By Stuart Jones

Marconi kicked off their new look at One World Sport on Tuesday last week. Over 100 people witnessed the launch of the new name "Marconi Stallions" and the new logo - predominantly a white stallion. It was much more glamourous than previous years with the players arriving alongside red ferraris and a real stallion.

Whilst the name of the football club may not be that different, (dropping the Fairfield from the club name) the outlook seems to have moved forward. First of all the launch was at Darling Harbour, a clear indication the club are looking for support from all over Sydney.

Tony Labbozetta spoke of the appeal of the club being more widely based with over a quarter of a million children being contacted throughout the Western and Southern Suburbs about coming along and supporting the Stallions.

He spoke of the new dawn of Australian football and how Marconi had to stay a big part of the game.

Whilst many of the Marconi faithful are dubious about Sunday evening kick offs, those associated with the club were confident that they could raise the average attendance to over 8000. The advertising campaign this season is going to be Sydney wide with bill posters spread throughout the city and suburbs.

Overall the launch marked the rebirth of the Stallions with tradition still being kept strongly in mind. Marconi are facing the challenge of the new Parramatta Power with a new offensive in the battle of getting the fans along to the game. Perhaps the old cliche is the best - football will be the winner.



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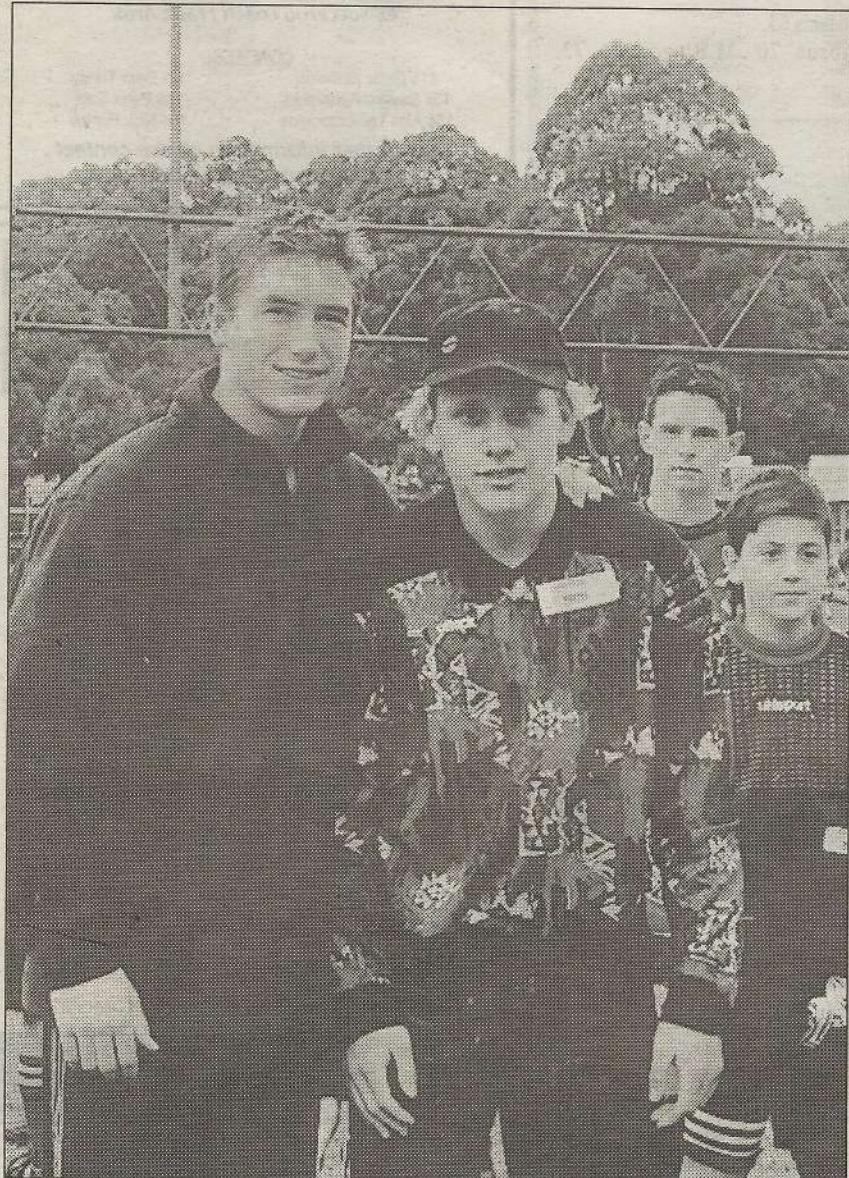
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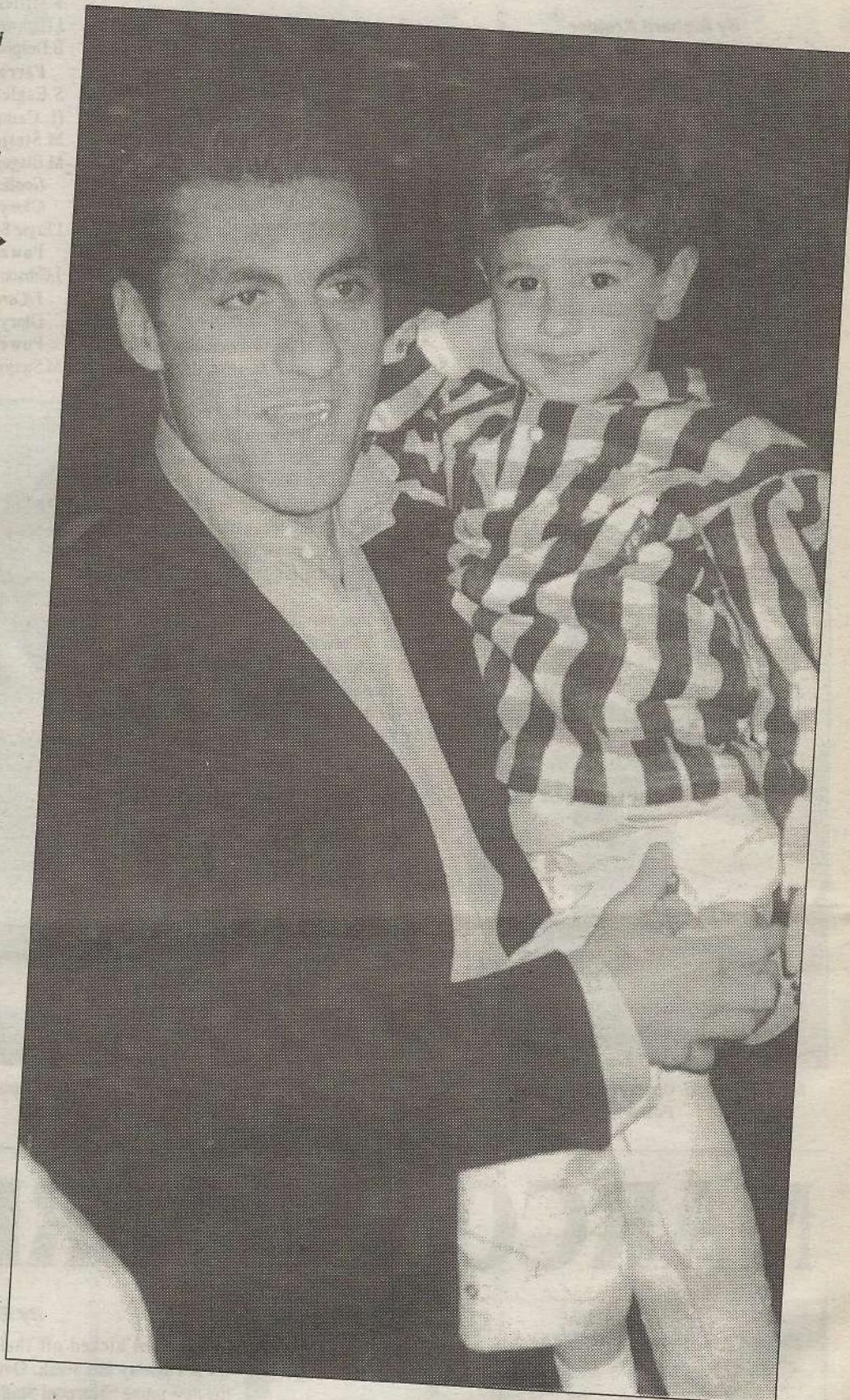
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FAMOUS PHOTOS

Pictured is four-year-old ANTHONY DiFEDERICO with Italian superstar Christian Vieri. Anthony's proud parents Assunta and Gab DiFederico write... "Enclosed is a photo of my son Anthony DiFederico with Christian Vieri at the Marconi Stallions presentation night in June this year. Anthony plays in the 'nursery' team for AC United in Sydney's south-west. He fully understood who Christian was. It's a photo that Anthony will treasure forever. Very rarely do you see a multi-million dollar player pick up a four year old for a photo. For Anthony it was a dream come true. What a very lucky boy!"



REID McNALLY with Socceroo and Leeds United star Harry Kewell. Reid, who is goalkeeper for the under-14 NSW Division One Youth League team AC United, was lucky enough to win a place at a clinic run by the Daily Telegraph, Foxtel and Northern Spirit. Reid couldn't believe it when he had the opportunity to be photographed with Harry, who was the clinic's special guest. Reid lives in Werrington County in Sydney's west.



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Letters to the Editor

It's too late for Ethnic clubs

Dear Sir,

It seems that just that every ethnic based NSL club is trying to outdo the other in trying to embrace mainstream Australia.

This road to Damascus conversion is starting to verge on the bizarre.

Adelaide Juventus (City), who have never paid more than token lip service to the mainstream, have been reborn and rebranded as Adelaide Force in a desperate bid to build the club's appeal.

Hellas — that proudest of proud Greek club have declared that they must broaden their support base but no mention how this will be achieved yet.

Sydney Olympic have not yet shown their hand but the views of the owners are well known.

Sydney Croatia (United) are seen to be the exception with a return to their Croatian roots on the cards.

However the prize for the biggest change of

behest of their respective communities.

They were never intended or geared to promote soccer in the wider mainstream community. Those few ethnic clubs seeing their support base eroding like Budapest and Hakoah of Sydney who tried to make the transformation to a more mainstream audience both failed miserably.

There is not the slightest evidence to suggest that the current bunch of rebadged ethnic clubs will be able to tap into the type of mainstream audience that Perth Glory and Northern Spirit attract.

Spirit, Glory, Brisbane, Canberra, Carlton, Wollongong and Newcastle all carry no ethnic baggage. Some have succeeded beyond belief, others are failing badly and some are just holding their own.

Those ethnic based clubs desperately seeking the formula that will bring them salvation and success are more than likely to land themselves in a catch 22 situation.

There is no proven formula for success in Oz soccer — it's more a case of hit and miss with Northern Spirit the classic example.

I can understand the urgency of the ethnic NSL clubs predicament but they should look very carefully before they embark on a course which for many will prove disastrous and terminal.

It's my belief that in most cases their use by date as NSL clubs is well and truly passed because they have stayed too long at the party.

R. Melor,
Bondi NSW.



Adelaide Hellas (Sharks) have re-emerged as the Southern Stars — the same name as a struggling TV production house. Trying to build a credible image for this club's revival bid is a mission impossible.

Melbourne Knights now have a complete new board and their first decree was that the club must widen its support base as a matter of urgency.

I'll believe it when I see it. South Melbourne

direction must go to Marconi who have declared they will be relaunched with a brand new name, image and a million dollar budget to help embrace a wider audience.

Some years ago when Remo Nogarotto proposed similar changes at Marconi he was shot down in flames and shown the door.

Unless I'm mistaken, from memory all the above as well as other ethnic soccer clubs were only founded and continued to exist at the

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With a week to go before Canberra Cosmos goes on show in the pre-season Snowy Cup game with Northern Spirit, coach Tom Sermanni let fly at his players after a shocking 6-1 loss to the Australian Institute of Sport.

"This was very ordinary — I expected a better attitude towards this game," Sermanni said.

"I am concerned about how we will look next week. It's easy to say we are four or five players short because of one thing or another, but this is quite possibly the team I will have to put on the park in our opening league match."

"It's not just the result, it's the way we conceded the goals."

Almost every one could have been prevented if our defence was doing its job.

"And I'm not accepting the excuse that this is just a training kick-around. There is a level of performance we must strive to reach whatever the opposition, and we fell well short of it today."

Canberra's pre-season record has been erratic to say the least: A 3-2 win over Blacktown was followed by a 6-1 loss to Marconi.

The Cosmos then beat the NSW Academy of Sport 7-1 on the South Coast, and beat the AIS 2-1 before Sunday's debacle.

This Sunday it plays the Spirit in a contest in Cooma sponsored by the Snowy Mountains Hydro company, one of the club's backers, then takes on Parramatta Power on the weekend before the National League kicks off.

Sermanni said he hopes to have the club's latest signing, former Socceroo defender Robert Hooker, in the line-up against the Spirit.

— Graham Cooke



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The Four Diegos

This week's special guest: New Marconi coach

Eddie Krnacevic



Memory lane: Eddie Krnacevic, pictured on the right in 1980 aged 19, congratulates Czechoslovakia team captain Anton Ondrus after the then European champions beat Australia 5-0 in Sydney.

Diegos: "Congratulations on your recent appointment. It's been labeled as the return home of one of the club's favourite sons."

"Is the Veal Parmigiana and Lambrusco in the Marconi Social club as good as the old days and do you feel like you're back home?"

Krnacevic: "I do feel at home but I'm going to try and stay away from the Marconi Social club. At present I'm eating both my lunch and dinner there and if I don't stay away, I'm going to put on a lot of weight and I don't think that you will be able to recognise me in a year's time."

Diegos: "Is it difficult for a coach to make the transition from one State to another?"

Krnacevic: "It is when you've got a family. It's almost easier to move from country to country in Europe rather than moving from State to State in Australia."

"It's not that easy to find a house and

when you have children, you have to consider the right schools. It's not that easy but I'm sure it will all work out."

Diegos: "When you were appointed coach of the Stallions after missing out on the Socceroo job you described it as 'missing out on the England job but taking over at Manchester United instead'."

"How big are Marconi in Australian terms and are they big enough to swing a private audience with Posh Spice?"

Krnacevic: "It's a huge club but I don't know about an audience with Posh. It has a membership of around 27,000 people. I'd say a lot of clubs in Europe haven't got the facilities that Marconi have. Not only has the club got a main all-seater stadium but also six training fields. There are other sports catered for and three restaurants, so as you can see it is a very big club."

Diegos: "You've just taken over the club on the eve of the 1999-2000 season."

"In what state has Frank Farina left the

team and in the short time you have to prepare, what are your immediate priorities?"

Krnacevic: "Everyone has a different style. My priority is to get the team playing like I did at Carlton, a lot of possession, playing from the back etc. I've been pretty happy."

"We had our first hit out against Canberra and won 6-1 so the boys have adapted to the style very quickly. We have got a talented bunch of players who like playing soccer so I feel my style will suit them."

Diegos: "You recently missed out on the Socceroo coaching position. From all reports you and the other candidates interviewed impressively with Frank Farina finally getting the gig. You know Frank well from your time in Europe."

"In your opinion, has he got the credentials and the ability to take us to the next World Cup?"

Krnacevic: "I feel he has but we will just have to wait and see. At the end of the day,

it's great that we have a local coach to lead the Socceroos. He'll have my 100% support."

Diegos: "You have forged a reputation as a classy dresser."

"The Diegos have proclaimed you as the Gianni Versace reincarnate because of your ability to select the right ensemble for the right occasion."

"What look did you go for in the Socceroo coaching interview? Was it the wedding suit look, the casual man about the town look, or was it the full on night-club three piece disco suit look?"

Krnacevic: "No guys, it was the Hitman look. An all-black suit with a silver tie. The only thing that was missing was a hat and a violin case. In hindsight, if I had brought the violin case, perhaps I may have had a better chance of getting the job."

Diegos: "The stakes are high in Sydney with regards to game day entertainment."

The Spirit has its rock bands and face

painting and of course, Marconi has the Stallionettes."

"The glamour and glitz is great for the game but reeks havoc with a growing boy's rampaging hormones."

"Are the Stallionettes off limits to the younger guns in the squad?"

Krnacevic: "I'm not sure. I haven't had a chance to meet up with the Stallionettes as yet. I'll make it a priority to check them out ASAP and determine whether they have the ability to motivate some of my younger charges."

Diegos: "Thanks Eddie. Let's hope that you don't have to make your players an offer they can't refuse if they start losing. The Hitman approach in Sin City might just get you winning right away. Adios Amigo!"

Krnacevic: "Thanks Diegos. I'll always have my violin case by my side just in case. Adios Amigos!"

The Four Diegos have their own Melbourne radio show on 97.4 FM every Saturday from 10am to noon.
They can be contacted by email on fourdiegos@bigpond.com

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

ANDREW MARTH



1999/2000 Jersey number:		6
Position:	Centre midfield	
Birthdate:	10-2-69	
Birthplace:	Melbourne	
Height:	183cm	
Weight:	84kg	
Nickname:	"Stabber"	
NSL Matches:	280	
NSL Goals:	39	
Previous clubs:	Melbourne Knights	
Biggest influence on career:	Parents and Wife	
Ambitions in soccer:	To stay injury free	
Favourite interests outside soccer:	Boat, racing and fishing	
Favourite overseas club:	Inter Milan	
Favourite player:	Lothar Matthaus, David Cervinski	
Most memorable match:	1995/96 Grand Final	
Worst injury:	Right knee	
Superstitions:	None	
Most admired sportsperson:	Mike Tyson	
Pre-match meal:	Pasta	
Favourite other sports:	Boxing and football	
Improvements to local soccer:	Keep the talent in Australia	
Advice to juniors:	Always work hard and never give up	

A two-time title winner with the Melbourne Knights, the signing of Marth was one of the great recruiting coups last year.

A powerful, no-nonsense midfielder, Marth can win a game single-handedly — at both ends of the pitch.

In attack, his powerful shot and aerial ability can create chaos in opposing penalty areas. Defensively, his aggressive tackling and excellent reading of the game has made him one of the most dominant midfielders in Australian soccer history.

With a full campaign in a Blues jersey now behind him, much is expected from Carlton's skipper for season 1999/2000.

OLYROOS FINISH WITH A DRAW

The Australian Olympic Games team last Wednesday drew 1-1 in the second and final game of their week-long training camp in London.

Their opponents were the Kuwait Olympic Games team. Australia won the earlier match 4-1 against English Premier League team Southampton.

In the Kuwait match — which had Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger watching — Australia dominated but were able to convert just one of their many opportunities.

Empoli midfielder MARCO BRESCIANO had Australia's best chances of the first half, combining with Sydney Olympic's BRETT EMERTON in the 12th minute but rocketing his shot off the crossbar, and teaming with his captain again two minutes later for the same result.

Crystal Palace striker NICK RIZZO finally put the Olyroos on the board two minutes into the second half, latching onto a pin-point cross from Emerton and tucking the ball into the back of the net with his first touch.

Perth goalkeeper DANNY MILOSEVIC kept the Australians in the lead after a magnificent one-on-one save against Kuwaiti striker



Danny Milosevic: Great save.

Bader Najem, but Najem proved his nemesis in the 68th minute, the Australian keeper bringing the striker down and incurring a penalty which leveled the scores.

"Kuwait played an extremely defensive game throughout the 90 minutes, and today we didn't quite solve that problem as well as we wanted," said coach RAUL BLANCO after the game.

"We had several good chances but lacked that final penetration, and while it's not easy to play against such defensive tactics, it was a very good experience for the boys."

"I would suggest that many teams might adopt a similar formation for the actual Games, and it's an aspect of our game that we're going to work on, but it's all part of the build up and the reason we have these camps."

"This camp exposed the boys to two totally different styles of game, where Southampton was a very direct and attacking team and Kuwait very defensive, and both matches were good lessons for us, the improvements we've made are for the betterment of the team."

"Overall it's obvious that the team is continuing to grow and get better as a unit, the commitment from

every player was spot on, the understanding and the behaviour grows each time we get together, and everyone is looking forward to the next camp which will happen before the end of the year."

Match Two

Australia Under-23s 1 (Nick Rizzo 47m) drew with Kuwait Under-23s 1 (Bader Najem 68m pen)

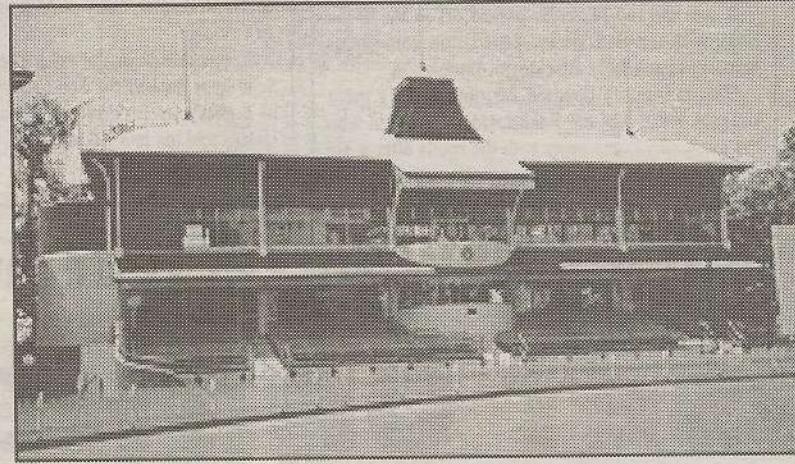
Australia: Danny Milosevic, Lucas Neil (Jacob Burns 69m), Con Blatsis, Hayden Foxe, Steve Laybutt, Tansel Baser, Marco Bresciano (Jason Culina 41m), Bill Damianos, Brett Emerton, Daniel Allsop, Nick Rizzo (Clayton Zane 69m)

Match One

Australia Under-23s 4 (Kosta Salapasis 17m, Lucas Neil 47m, Daniel Allsop 60m, Hayden Foxe 65m) defeated Southampton 1

Australia: Danny Milosevic (P Zois 45m), Lucas Neil (Rafael Bove 75m), Con Blatsis, Hayden Foxe, Steve Laybutt, Tansel Baser, Jason Culina (Marco Bresciano 55m), Bill Damianos (Mark Robertson 78m), Brett Emerton (Clayton Zane 78m), Kosta Salapasis (Daniel Allsop 55m), Nick Rizzo (Jacob Burns 75m)

Spirit introduces Champions Club



Mollie Dive Stand: The best view at North Sydney Oval.

In a bid to attract the movers and shakers of Sydney, Northern Spirit has launched the 'Champions Club'.

Spirit believe the Champions Club will be the ultimate way to watch the home matches at North Sydney Oval and network with fellow businessmen and women.

The Champions Club offers its members the best view of the playing arena from the top deck of the Mollie Dive Stand or the seating in front of it, areas not open to the general public last year.

It also offers the best facilities for pre and post match drinks and food.

Benefits of the Champions Club include:

- Happy hour drinks and continuous complimentary buffet from one hour before kick off.
- Visits by Northern Spirit players to the lounge after each match.
- Video coverage of previous matches on two screens in the lounge.



• Spirit shirt signed by players (available to those who join before first game on October 15)

- Match day program for every home game
- Priority booking to end of season presentation night

"The Champions Club offers all the benefits of corporate hospitality with the added advantage of being able to network with other business people," said Northern Spirit Chairman Remo Nogarotto.

"We recently acquired the upper deck of the Mollie Dive Stand,

which is the most luxurious and best positioned area of North Sydney Oval, and decided to offer the area to the business men and women of Northern Sydney, and indeed all of Sydney.

The Champions Club costs \$1500 for all 16 home matches with members also entitled to take guests for the evening at \$125 per match. There are no initial restrictions on the number of guests per member, however, this may change due to membership numbers in the future.

The best part of the Champions Club is that membership is transferable. If you can not make it on a given night, you can offer your card to a friend of business acquaintance, who will enjoy the benefits of membership for that night.

"We understand that business people at times are unable to make every match for one reason or another," Nogarotto said.

Sponsors flock to Carlton

Carlton Soccer Club have clinched a sponsorship deal with the Accor Hotel Group for the upcoming season.

The Accor Hotel Group includes the Sofitel, Novotel and Ibis hotels, located throughout Australia and the world.

The agreement will see the Carlton team staying at Accor Hotels throughout Australia, the introduction of special supporter rates when travelling to interstate games and hosting Carlton functions.

"I urge all our supporters who travel, to stay with the Accor Hotel Group and let them know you are a Carlton supporter," Carlton General Manager, Lou Sticca, said.

Two other sponsors joining Carlton for the upcoming season are leading Australian fashion house, Nazario Parisi and Hanna Sports.

Nazario Parisi will be the official off-field outfitters, and Hanna Sports will be Carlton's official retailers.

"I've been an AFL supporter (Collingwood) for many years, and this is my first sponsorship of a soccer club," Nazario Parisi managing director Lou Parisi said. "I am genuinely excited about seeing the Carlton players in our clothes. I feel it is very important that the players look as good off the field as they do on it."

As the official retailers of Carlton, Hanna Sports will be featuring the full Carlton merchandise range in their stores.

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION

DIVISION THREE GRAND FINAL

FIRST GRADE: The Wanderers 3 bt White City 0.
SECOND GRADE: The Wanderers 1 bt Trasandinos 0.

DIVISION FOUR PRELIMINARY FINAL

FIRST GRADE: Balmain 1 drew Holy Cross Ryde 1 (Balmain 2 bt Holy Cross Ryde 1 Extra Time).

SECOND GRADE: Prairiewood United 2 bt Nepean District 1.

DIVISION FIVE PRELIMINARY FINAL

FIRST GRADE: Kosciusko 3 bt Sporting Sec 2.
SECOND GRADE: Sporting SCC 4 bt Sydney Tusc 1.

SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE PRELIMINARY FINAL

UNDER 13: Wollongong Wolves 4 bt Newcastle Breakers 1.

UNDER 14: Sydney Olympic 1 bt Sydney United 0.

UNDER 15: Marconi Fairfield 2 drew Southern Districts 2 (Marconi Fairfield 5 bt Southern Districts 4 Penalties).

UNDER 16: Blacktown City 0 drew Newcastle Breakers 0 (Blacktown City 1 bt Newcastle Breakers 0 Extra Time).

DIVISION ONE YOUTH LEAGUE GRAND FINAL

UNDER 13: Illawarra Lions 1 bt Bankstown Association 0.

UNDER 14: Ryde City 2 bt Penrith Panthers 0.

UNDER 15: AC United 1 bt Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0.

UNDER 16: Bankstown Association 3 bt Blacktown Association 2.

CADET LEAGUE DIVISION ONE PRELIMINARY FINAL

UNDER 11: Marconi Fairfield 2 drew Canterbury Marrickville 2 (Marconi Fairfield 3 bt Canterbury Marrickville 2 Extra Time).

UNDER 12: Marconi Fairfield 2 bt Sydney United 1.

CADET LEAGUE DIVISION TWO GRAND FINAL

UNDER 11: Macquarie Sports 3 bt Illawarra Lions 0.

UNDER 12: Stanmore Hawks 1 bt CSI Schofields 0.



DIVISION ONE YOUTH LEAGUE

GRAND FINAL

It was Grand Final day on Saturday at Melita Stadium for the Division One Youth League, and the games were close ones!

GRADE 13

Illawarra had proved themselves the best team over the season, and they proved it again in the Grand Final over a solid Bankstown Association side.

The association team had finished some sixteen points behind their opponents during the regular season, but they made the Lions fight all the way before going down 1-0.

GRADE 14

Penrith did magnificently well to get to the Grand Final after finishing in fourth place on the ladder, but their opponents Ryde City had been by far the best team all year and proved it again on the big occasion.

The Gunners came away with the trophy after a 2-0 win to complete a fine season for them.

G15

Once again the team who dominated the division, this time AC United, came away with both top spot on the table and the Grand Final prize.

AC's opponents were the Bonnyrigg White Eagles who finished third on the ladder, but AC proved just too strong for the, coming away with a 1-0 win.

GRADE 16

The G16 age group provided another winner, meaning four different teams had picked up the four trophies on offer.

It was the top two who played off in the grand final, with the Bankstown Association going in as favourites against the Blacktown Association.

That tag nearly counted for nothing in a great struggle, but it was the Bankstown Association who did eventually come away with the spoils after a 3-2 win.

CADET LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

PRELIMINARY FINALS

GRADE 11

Sydney United awaited the winners of the Preliminary Final between Marconi and Canterbury Marrickville, and while the Berries went into the game as favourites it was the Marconi side who eventually earned that Grand Final spot.

The game finished 2-2 in normal time, and just when it looked like the game might be going to penalties Marconi got the winner in extra time to give them a 3-2 win.

GRADE 12

Marconi made it a 'double' as the G12 side also battled out a victory in the Preliminary Final. They played Sydney United, and came away with a 2-1 win to secure that Grand Final spot.

CADET LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

GRAND FINAL

In both age groups the team who finished on top of the table also claimed the Grand Final prize.

In the G11 game the two teams who had proved themselves the best all year, Macquarie Sports and the Illawarra Lions clashed, and it was Macquarie Sports who came away with the honours after a 3-0 victory.

It was closer in the G12 game though, as CSI Schofields pushed the Stanmore Hawks all the way in a gutsy performance, before the class of the Hawks told out in a 1-0 victory.

SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE

PRELIMINARY FINALS

GRADE 13

The Wollongong Wolves hammered the Newcastle Breakers 4-1 in the Preliminary Final held at Valentine Park to earn the honour of playing the Blacktown City Demons.

The Demons went through the league unbeaten and it will therefore be a big upset if the Wolves can get anything out of the game.

GRADE 14

The preliminary Final between Sydney United and Sydney Olympic was a close one, and it was Sydney Olympic who came away with a 1-0 win and a meeting with the Gladesville Hornsby Association in the Grand Final.

GRADE 15

There was a thriller in this Preliminary Final, with the match between the Southern Districts and Marconi Fairfield only being settled on penalties.

It was 2-2 at the end of normal time, and then when extra time failed to provide a golden goal the game went to the dreaded spot kicks.

It was just as close in the shoot-out too, with Marconi Fairfield eventually getting through 5-4 on penalties to secure a Grand Final spot against the Blacktown City Demons.

GRADE 16

There was another close game in the G16 Preliminary Final too, as the Blacktown City Demons met the Newcastle Breakers.

Sydney Olympic awaited the winners of this game, and it was the Demons who got through 1-0, but only after the game had failed to settle in normal time.

Northern NSW Soccer Federation Finals Series

UPSET OF THE SEASON

Adamstown Rosebuds young legs carried them through 119 minutes of top flight football to advance to NBN Soccer League grand final with a 2-1 win over Premiers Edgeworth Eagles at Jack McLaughlan Oval on Sunday, 12 September.

The match was locked at one all at the end of regulation time forcing the match into 30 minutes of golden goal extra-time.

Adamstown Rosebuds, in their second season back in the Northern NSW first division since departure from the NSW Super League, ended the season for the all conquering Edgeworth Eagles.

The Eagles won the pre-season President's Cup, the mid week knockout Arctic Cup and had not lost a premiership round winning 21 and drawing one matches in the regular season.

Hamilton Olympic were the first to lower the Eagles flag in the major semi-final on the back of a 5-4 penalty shootout after the match went to extra-time to break a two all deadlock.

In the final Adamstown Rosebuds went one up after Tony Majurovski flicked

home a Peter Juchniewicz cross in the 22nd minute.

Edgeworth equalised in the 57th minute after substitute Fouad Umlil crossed into the penalty area for Daniel McBreen to slot the ball past Adamstown 'keeper Geoff Callinan.

Juchniewicz the hero for the 'Buds with a strike in dying minute of extra-time. Dale Robertson's blistering shot from outside the area rebounding off the Eagles 'keeper, Dean Conway rebounding to Juchniewicz to bury the ball and the Eagles hopes of collecting all the silverware on offer in 1999.

"He's (Juchniewicz) been dangerous all year," Adamstown Rosebuds coach Neil Owens said.

"Maybe without the young guys we may not have got through (the extra time) it. We defended well and attacked all game and the young guns came through and you can't beat skill."

In reserve grade goals to Mark Chinney, Todd Mason, Darryl McAllister and Adrian Berry for the Weatherex Gunners booked them a grand

final birth against Edgeworth after they beat Hamilton Olympic 4-1.

While in the youth grade Adamstown beat Edgeworth 4-2 on penalties to set up a grand final appearance against Broadmeadow Magic.

The NBN Soccer League grand finals will be held on Sunday, 19 September at Breakers Stadium.

By Greg Danvers

NBN Soccer League

Preliminary final at Jack McLaughlan Oval on Sunday 12 September

First grade: Edgeworth Eagles 1-2 Adamstown Rosebuds (in extra time)

Reserve grade: Weatherex Gunners

4-1 Hamilton Olympic

Youth grade: Edgeworth Eagles (2) 0-

0 (4) Adamstown Rosebuds on penalties

Grand Final at Breakers Stadium on Sunday, 19 September

3.00pm First grade:

Hamilton Olympic v Adamstown Rosebuds

1.00pm Reserve grade: Edgeworth Eagles v Weatherex Gunners

11.15am Youth grade: Broadmeadow Magic v Adamstown Rosebuds

2HD SOCCER LEAGUE (SECOND DIVISION) GRAND FINAL

postponed until Saturday 18 September at Macquarie Field, Speers Point

3.00pm First grade: Dudley-Redhead -v- Budgewoi

1.00pm Reserve grade: Dudley-Redhead -v- West Wallsend

11.15am Youth grade: West Wallsend -v- Dudley-Redhead

NEW FM Youth League

Finals Series

Preliminary final

Saturday, 11 September

at Adamstown Oval

13s: Adamstown Rosebuds 2-0 Cardiff

14s: Adamstown Rosebuds 2-0 Oxley

15s: Manning DSA (4) 0-0 (5) Cardiff on penalties

16s: Belmont-Tingira (4) 1-1 (2) Maitland on penalties

Grand Final

Saturday, 18 September at Lisle Carr Oval, Whitebridge

11.00am - 13's:

Highfields Azzurri -v- Adamstown

Rosebuds

12.15pm - 14's:

Highfields Azzurri -v- Adamstown

Rosebuds

1.30pm - 15's:

Highfields Azzurri -v- Cardiff

2.45pm - 16's:

Oxley DSA -v- Belmont-Tingira

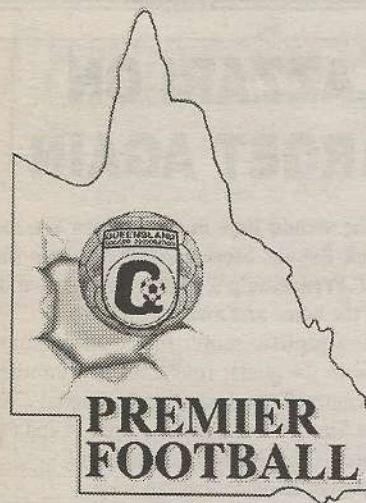


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FINALS SERIES

XXXX LEAGUE

PRELIMINARY FINAL
Rochedale Rovers 0 Brisbane City 2

XXXX RESERVES

PRELIMINARY FINAL
Taringa Rovers 4 Gold Coast City 1

XXXX YOUTH

PRELIMINARY FINAL
Shine Coast 0 Wynnum Dist 2

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NORTH

PRELIMINARY FINAL
Albany Creek 1 Eastern Subs 4

PRELIMINARY FINAL
Newmarket 1 Pine Rivers Utd 3

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NORTH RESERVES

PRELIMINARY FINAL
Newmarket 1 Pine Rivers Utd 3

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NORTH YOUTH

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Pine Rivers Utd 4 Mitchelton 2

SEMI PRO DIV 1 SOUTH

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Souths Utd 2aet Capalaba 1aet

SEMI PRO DIV 1 SOUTH RESERVES

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Rocklea Utd 0 Capalaba 3

SEMI PRO DIV 1 SOUTH RESERVES

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Redlands Utd 3 Capalaba 0

City and Gold Coast GF

Brisbane knock out Rochedale

By Glenn Davis

Coach Bobby Hamilton believed team spirit played a major role in Brisbane City sealing a premier league grand final showdown against the Gold Coast following their comprehensive 2-nil win over Rochedale Rovers in the preliminary final at Perry Park on Sunday.

Brisbane City, who earned a preliminary final shot against Rochedale after their sudden death win over Brisbane Lions in the knockout semi-final last week, got off to dream start when rangy defender Mark Battistin scored after only three minutes.

Battistin found himself in the right spot at the right time heading home after Rochedale keeper Todd Rumble failed to hold a blistering shot from midfielder Mark Jenkins.

The early goal stunned Rochedale who were unable to recover.

Brisbane City put the final nail in Rochedale's coffin ten minutes from time when substitute Robbie Kidd, who came on for striker Warren Cooley ten minutes earlier, sliced past two defenders 30 metres out before drawing Rumble off his line to slot home.

Brisbane City's victory continued Hamilton's long and successful reign since he first started coaching at the club in 1991.

Under Hamilton, Brisbane City have won four premierships including the premiership-grand final double in 1997 and are the current Queensland Cup holders.

Hamilton, who will welcome back suspended striker Royce Brownlie for this Saturday's grand final, took great comfort from Brisbane City's first win over Rochedale in four meetings this season.

"This is the fourth time we've played Rochedale and it's our first win over them," Hamilton said.

"We've had a lot of problems this year with injury and losing players to other clubs but we've managed to get some of our injured players back in the past few weeks which has helped tremendously."

"Winning is a habit just like losing but this side has got tremendous team spirit and it helped us against Rochedale."

Luck didn't go Rochedale's way on several occasions as they strived to peg back the early goal.

Veteran striker Keiran Cooper, who surprisingly started in the warm conditions, watched in agony in the 15th minute when Battistin cleared his shot off a David Pilic cross off the line.

Cooper again just failed to draw the equaliser three minutes later when another Pilic cross fell to striker Clayton Koch whose angled shot went astray but fell just out of Cooper's reach at the far post.

City had two more chances as halftime drew near to increase their lead, one from a wild swing from Cooley who pounced and shot wide after a rebounded clearance from Rochedale's Alun Evans.

Cooley figured in the other attempt when he raced onto a long ball before misdirecting his cross to an unmarked Chris Slater as the far post eight minutes from the break.

Brisbane City had the first chance after the break to increase their 1-nil half time lead but were denied by an acrobatic save from Rumble in the 50th minute.

City midfielder Cliff Tuck delivered a searching long throw into the box to Cooley who flicked on to Nathan Carlsson.

Carlsson looped his header over Rumble but miraculously the Rochedale keeper tipped himself backward in midair recovering with both hands.

Rochedale's best chance to draw level came midway through the second half when youngster Greg Anderson hit a 35 metre drive which completely deceived City keeper Danny Duke onto the upright.

Battistin came to the fore again for Brisbane City in the 77th minute with a goal saving tackle on Rochedale's leading goal scorer Matt Olley inside the box just as he shaped up to slot home past Duke.

After conceding their second goal, Rochedale through everything in attack hoping to crack City's defence.

But Duke was outstanding tipping a long range shot from Anderson over the crossbar before pulling off a superb one handed reflex save low to his left off an Evans thunderbolt inside the box.

Hamilton conceded Brisbane City will start as underdogs in the grand final against the Gold Coast following their emphatic 3-nil major semi final win over



Mark Battistin: Scored after three minutes.

Rochedale last week.

"It'll be hard against the Gold Coast as they have experience in the right areas," he said.

"They have a strong midfield with Lees, Bennett and Grierson and we won't be able to give Peter Dwyer any room to move up front."

"But in saying that I can't ask any more from my players after what they've achieved so far," he said.

Early wedding present

Eddie is the best and fairest

By Glenn Davis

Popular Gold Coast midfielder Eddie Lees celebrated his upcoming marriage by winning the Clem Jones Gold medal for the best and fairest player in Queensland soccer at a gala awards night in Brisbane on Monday night.

The former wild man of soccer, who plans to marry in November, polled strongly throughout the season finishing with 25 points, three clear of his nearest rival and teammate Peter Dwyer.

Veteran Brisbane Lions' defender Steve Jackson, who was attempting to become the only player to win the Clem Jones Gold Medal three times finished third with 20 points, two points ahead of teammate and striker Greg Di Losa who was fourth with 18 points.

Lees, who captained the Australian Under 16s, has been playing in the Queensland premier league since he joined Taringa Rovers in 1993 following a stint with Blacktown in Sydney.

After playing two seasons with Taringa where he won a premiership, Lees moved to Rochedale Rovers staying for three years before returning to familiar surroundings with the Gold Coast in their inaugural year in the premier league.

In polling, Lees started the first six rounds strongly finishing with eight points to trail early leader Peter Vogler from Ipswich Knights and Taringa's Andrew Packer from just one point.

Jackson also was out of the blocks fast in his bid for three straight gold medals with two points separating him from the joint leaders.

The second round of counting to game 14, saw Jackson, Lees, Packer and Taringa's Ben Wood all share the lead with 12 points while Vogler dropped off the pace with 10 points in his retirement year.

After the third stage of counting, Lees shared the lead with Packer on 16 points but Rochedale's promising youngster David Pilic also joined level polling strongly in rounds 15 to 21 with Pilic's teammate Michael Legg moving into contention with 15 points.

Jackson meanwhile was still well within range just two points off the lead with 14 points.

Lees picked up an invaluable nine points in the last six rounds to take his tally to 25 points while Dwyer produced a Tulloch-like finish to finish three points behind after starting in the premier

league late.

Dwyer, who picked up his first point half way through the second round of counting, gained some consolation when he was named the Anfield Sports Player of the Year in the Eye On Soccer-Uhlsport awards presentations.

Wynnum striker Scott Rocker had a big night winning the Rookie Of The Year award and the leading goalscorer.

Rocker finished the season with 17 goals along with Rochedale's Matt Olley, but won the award on countback for the most number of hat-tricks in the season.

Premiership winning coach Peter Bannon had little trouble winning the Uhlsport Coach Of The Year after guiding Rochedale to their first title this season while the Uhlsport award for the best referee went to John Peacock.



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By Graham Cooke

COX CARRIES OFF BEST AND FAIREST

Sarah Cox, of Tuggeranong United, was a clear winner in the ACT Women's first division best and fairest poll, with 23 points, five clear of runner-up Rebecca Sotomayor of Burns Brindabella. Kim Channing (ACT Academy of Sport) was third on 14.

Results in other divisions were: Reserves: Sarah Lonsdale (ANU) 23 votes, Megan Skillicorn (Belwest) 21, Jodi Davis (Belconnen United) 12.

Division 2: Rebekah Currie (Cooma) 20, Ljubica Stegnjaic (Weston Creek Masters) 18, Kathryn Kovac (ANU) 17.5.

Division 3: Sarah-Jane Meier (Radford) 22.5, Ashley Smith (Girls Grammar) 16, Brooke Olds (Defence Academy) 10.

Division 4: Nicola Dickson (Weston Creek) 13, Karina Fitzgerald (Black Ewes) 12, Megan Lindsay (Black Ewes) 12.

Under 16 Division 1: Luisa Marzotto (Belconnen United) 20, Rochelle Borucinski (Soccer Canberra) 19, Rozane Pantos (Tuggeranong United) 18.

Division 2: Lilli Owens-Walton (Radford Maroon) 21, Emma Molloy (Weston Creek) 19, Abby Porter (Burns Brindabella) 16.

Highest scorer: **Division 1:** Kim Channing (ACT Academy of Sport) 23, Sarah Cox (Tuggeranong United) 14, Dior Foxhill (Belconnen United) 10, Reserves: Debbie Corcoran (ANU) 10, Sarah Lonsdale (ANU) 9.

Division 2: Ljubica Stegnjaic (Weston Creek Masters) 25, Fiona Freeman (ANU) 11, Liz Van den Dungen (Weston Creek Masters) 11.

Division 3: Sarah-Jane Meier (Radford) 19, Ashley Smith (Girls Grammar) 10.

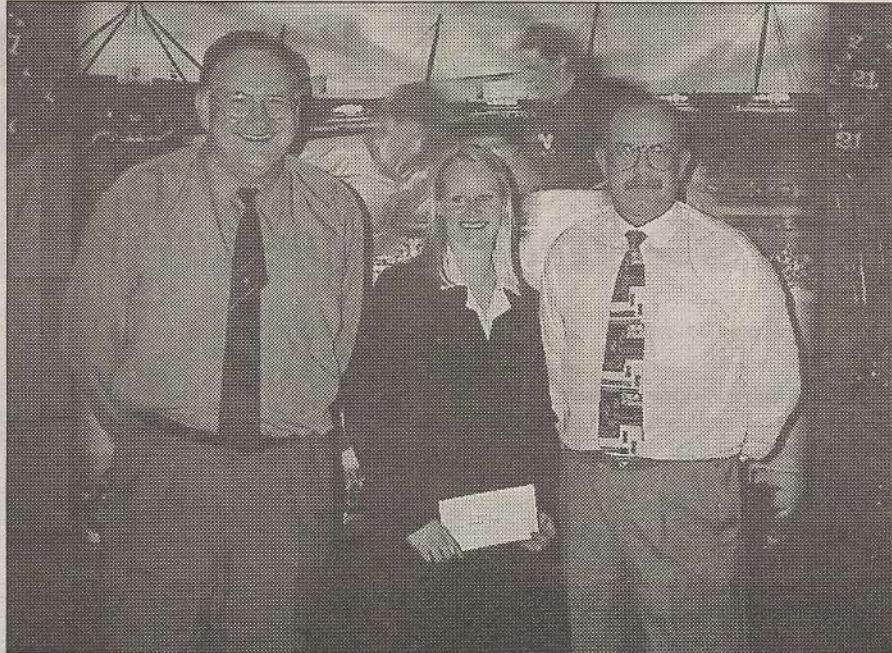
Division 4: Caroline Wheiller (Black Ewes) 15, Karina Fitzgerald (Black Ewes) 9, Megan Lindsay (Black Ewes) 9.

Under 16 Division 1: Kate Cheyne (Soccer Canberra) 14, Rochelle Borucinski (Soccer Canberra) 13, Robyn Hume (Soccer Canberra) 11.

Division 2: Lilli Owen-Walton (Radford Maroon) 28, Shannon Yates (Blue Light) 20, Emma Molloy (Weston Creek) 19, Channelle Cox (Belnorth) 19.

Goalkeeper awards: **Division 1:** Amy Beattie (ACT Academy of Sport).

Reserves: Sue Read (Belwest), **Division 2:** (Karen Singer (ANU)), **Division 3:** Anya Whitlaw, **Division 4:** Jo Cattley (Weston Creek Wizards). **Under 16 Division 1:** Jennifer Barnes (Radford), **Division 2:** Cassie Payne (Burns Brindabella Magic).



From left to right, ACT Minister for sport, Bill Stefanik with the Captain of the Canberra Eclipse, Sacha Wainwright and the sponsor of the Canberra Eclipse, Paul Murphy.



Judith Clark, Board Member of soccer Canberra (left) congratulates Amy Beattie from ACT Academy of Sport on her Goalkeepers Award for Division One.



CEO of the Australian Women's Soccer Association, Warren Fisher with Division One top goal scorer, Kim Channing, also from the ACT Academy of Sport.

LAZZARI ON TARGET AGAIN

For the second time in three years Weston Creek Royals' Steve Lazzari has won the ACT Premiership's golden boot award at the end of the home and away rounds.

Lazzari, a prolific scorer in recent seasons, finished with 24 goals, four ahead of another previous winner, Tony Lemezina of Capital City Suns. Lazar Simeonov of Monaro scored 14 and Pat Phommaseisy (Capital City Suns) netted 12.

The marksmen in other divisions were:

Under 23s: D. Camara (Belconnen United) 21, S. Lee (Capital City Suns) 19, M. Dowling (University of Canberra) 18, Z. Talevski (Canberra Deakin) 14.

Premier 2: S. Channing (ANU) 25, J. Warren-Smith (Tuggeranong United) 22, S. Rezo (O'Connor Knights) 16, G. Brown (Belwest) 15.

Reserves: S. Monsizoda (Belwest) 22, M. Stojanovic (White Eagles) 21, L. David (Tuggeranong United) 17, J. Hogben (Tuggeranong United) 17.

Cosmos Youth: M. Kosanovic (Belconnen United) 21, R. Cattanach (Gungahlin Juventus) 20, L. Rupil (Belconnen United) 19, M. Neal (Weston Creek Royals) 19.

Rockets Youth: R. Nash (Tuggeranong United) 25, P. Charter (Belconnen United) 20, E. Copelj (Belconnen United) 12, J. McGregor (Belwest) 11.

State League Division 1: F. Genovesi (Monaro) 22, J. Torales (Ginninderra) 17, M. Pietrukowski (Belconnen United) 14, A. Stanier (ANU) 14, S. Toohey (Belconnen United) 14.

Division 2: S. Agerbeek (Belconnen United) 22, M. Galeotti (Gungahlin Juventus) 20, D. Milczarek (University of Canberra) 16, C. De Ruyter (ANU) 16.

Division 3: C. Tully (Weston Creek Royals) 22, M. Van den Huevel (Harmonie) 19, M. Wilson (Harmonie) 18, M. Potts (Belconnen United) 17.

Division 4: T. Durie (University of Canberra) 26, J. Nicolaou (Canberra Olympic) 20, W. Zwiers (ANU) 18, N. Van Broekhoven (ANU) 18.

Masters: M. Vrkic (Canberra Deakin) 34, S. Bullard (Canberra City) 23, D. Hobday (Tuggeranong United) 23, E. Flanagan (ANU) 22.

THIS TIME, IT'S THE OTHER MACOR

When it comes to scoring goals there is usually no doubt about who takes charge in the Macor family: Danny has led the scoring lists at Monaro, Gungahlin Juventus and all the way back to his junior days with Canberra Deakin in the NSW Youth League.

But last Sunday it was his brother, Paul, who took the accolades with the winner for Monaro in the ACT Premiership preliminary final game against Weston Creek Royals at Majura Oval.

Paul, who normally patrols the back-line for his club, had ventured upfield for a corner in the hope of breaking a goalless deadlock with 83 minutes gone.

As he said afterwards: "The ball came over and I thought 'I had better stick my head on this one'."

"At first I thought the goalkeeper, Troy Boots, would collect it, but it slipped

through his hands and I was well placed.

"It's my first goal in two years, and Danny was the first to congratulate me. He actually managed to lift me up which isn't bad considering how heavy I weigh."

The goal also lifts Monaro into this week's grand final against minor premier Capital City Suns, and coach Andrew Monterosso will be hoping for a little more sparkle from his team in the season's showpiece.

Sunday's game was mainly a do-or-die affair. Weston Creek, without key players Peter Hader and Adrian Paragalli, had Steve Lazzari playing as the only out-and-out striker, with the obvious aim of catching its opponent on the counter-attack.

It was a tactic which came close to working. Big Tim Dale only just failed to get on the end of a Martin Lazzari free kick towards the end of the first half, and in the second Steve Lazzari opened up a

chance with a delightful body swerve, only to shoot high and wide.

But if these were two clear-cut chances for the Royals, Monaro had three times as many, and the game would probably have been all over by half time had it not been for an outstanding display from Boots.

In the opening minutes he parried a powerful drive from John Rakic over the bar, and before half time had also saved well from Danny Macor and Darryl North. In the second half he was beaten by Danny Macor, but the ball hit an upright and bounced harmlessly away.

The goal was hardly a classic. Joe Campagna sent in a looping corner which dropped at the far post into a scrum of players. It might have gone anywhere, but Paul Macor, without a goal in two years, made it his own.

Monterosso praised Royals' battling performance under pressure.

"Troy Boots certainly kept them in the game," he said.

"I'll be looking for something more from Monaro next week. The Suns play a different style of game from Weston, and I think that will be to our advantage."

And Monterosso urged Soccer Canberra officials to switch the grand final from its current venue at Greenway in Tuggeranong.

"We definitely don't want to play there," he said. "The pitch is badly cut up. Majura would be an improvement."

"Otherwise we could look at Seiffert Oval, although the Australian Institute of Sport would be my first choice."

Royals coach Jimmy Bland said the team had shown commitment and character in the game. "We suffered a couple of severe blows in losing Hader and Paragalli, but we did not drop our heads," he said.

"I decided we should concede a little bit of space in the first half, but not give them too much time in midfield. That worked, and in the second half we had

one or two chances to win.

"I'm quite happy with what we have achieved given that no-one gave us a chance of even making the top four at the beginning of the season."

Asked about his future with the club, Bland said "no comment".

Under 23s preliminary final: University of Canberra 3 Weston Creek Royals 2 (golden goal; score at 90 minutes 2-2). **Under 19 semi-finals:** Belconnen United 2 University of Canberra 1, Gungahlin Juventus 7 Tuggeranong United 0.

ACT State League Division 1 grand final: ANU 2 Belconnen United 1.

Division 2 grand final: Belconnen United 3 Gungahlin Juventus 2.

Division 3 grand final: Valley Blues 2 Harmonie 0. **Division 4 grand final:** Trojans 3 Harmonie 2. **Masters Division preliminary final:** Canberra Deakin 3 Kambah Rovers 0.



PREMIER LEAGUE



CRAZY JOHN'S STATE LEAGUE 1: FIRSTS

Round 25

Nth Geelong Warriors 4 Kingston City 2, Doncaster Rovers 5 Western Suburbs 1, Westgate 1 Heidelberg United 6, Werribee City 0 Springvale City 1, Yarraville Glory 1 Northcote City 3, Richmond 2 Melbourne City 1, Oakleigh 5 Lalor United 1

P W D L F A PT

	25	16	6	3	56	28	54
Heidelberg United	25	16	6	3	56	28	54
Oakleigh	25	16	5	4	53	26	53
Lalor United	25	12	7	6	53	41	43
Westgate	25	11	4	10	37	37	37
Western Suburbs	25	10	5	10	42	43	35
Richmond	25	9	8	8	35	36	35
Doncaster Rovers	25	9	7	9	45	39	34
Yarraville Glory	25	9	6	10	39	39	33
Springvale City	25	9	4	12	31	34	31
Melbourne City	25	9	3	13	37	46	30
Nth Geelong	25	7	8	10	37	41	29
Northcote City	25	8	3	14	48	54	27
Kingston City	25	6	6	13	30	55	24
Werribee City	25	4	8	13	28	52	20

Reserves: Rd 25: Nth Geelong Warriors 2 Kingston City 0, Doncaster Rovers 2 Western Suburbs 0, Westgate 3 Heidelberg United 4, Werribee City 0 Springvale City 2, Yarraville Glory 1 Northcote City 4, Richmond 0 Melbourne City 1, Oakleigh 3 Lalor United 0

RESERVES ROUND 25

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doncaster Rovers	25	18	4	3	68	23	58
Melbourne City	25	17	4	4	69	34	55
Oakleigh	25	17	4	4	46	23	55
Heidelberg United	25	15	4	6	69	38	49
Richmond	25	15	3	7	66	41	48
Springvale City	25	15	1	9	70	33	46
Western Suburbs	25	9	6	10	47	33	33
Lalor United	25	7	7	11	37	52	28
Northcote City	25	8	2	15	35	64	26
Nth Geelong Warriors	25	7	4	14	48	69	25
Westgate	25	8	1	16	40	75	25
Kingston City	25	5	5	15	37	60	20
Yarraville Glory	25	4	4	17	24	65	16
Werribee City	25	3	5	17	33	79	14

STATE LEAGUE 2:

FIRSTS: RD 25

Thomastown / Regent 4 Old Scotch Waverley 4, Frankston Strikers 3 Geelong 0, Altona City 2 Croydon City Arrows 3, Diamond Valley Utd 2 Satellite City Roy's 2, Cranbourne Comets 3 East Richmond 1, Ringwood City 1 Essendon 3, Knox City 1 Frankston Pines 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Frankston Pines	25	18	5	2	71	25	59
Essendon	25	16	8	1	65	21	56
Knox City	25	12	5	8	41	26	41
Frankston Strikers	25	11	4	10	51	35	37
Geelong	25	10	7	8	43	50	37
Cranbourne Comets	25	9	8	8	47	41	35
East Richmond	25	9	8	8	34	39	35
Altona City	25	10	4	11	26	45	34
Old Scotch Waverley	25	8	9	8	33	35	33
Thomastown / Regent	25	6	6	13	40	55	24
Satellite City Roy's	25	6	6	13	25	45	24
Ringwood City	25	6	6	13	32	55	24
Diamond Valley Utd	25	4	9	12	30	46	21
Croydon City Arrows	25	4	7	14	30	50	19

RESERVES - ROUND 25

Thomastown / Regent 2 Old Scotch Waverley 6, Frankston Strikers 5 Geelong 0, Altona City 1 Croydon City Arrows 1, Diamond Valley Utd 4 Satellite City Roy's 0, Cranbourne Comets 7 East Richmond 1, Ringwood City 1 Essendon 3, Knox City 0 Frankston Pines 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon	24	19	4	1	80	15	61
Frankston Pines	25	18	3	4	78	16	57
Cranbourne Comets	25	14	4	7	67	33	46
Knox City	24	14	3	7	55	34	45
Croydon City Arrows	25	11	8	6	51	40	41
Diamond Valley Utd	24	11	5	8	46	42	38
Frankston Strikers	25	11	5	9	57	57	38
Ringwood City	24	10	3	11	46	47	33
Old Scotch Waverley	25	10	3	12	43	54	33
Altona City	25	8	7	10	42	51	31
East Richmond	24	7	3	14	34	60	24
Geelong	24	6	3	15	28	69	21
Thomastown Regent	24	2	5	17	31	70	11
Satellite City Roy's	24	1	2	21	20	90	5

STATE LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS: ROUND 25:

Bell Park 0 Pascoe Vale 0, South Springvale 0 Moreland City 1, Williamstown 1 Stonnington City 0, South Wantirna 4 Laverton Park 0, Keilor Park 0 Banyule City 1, Fitzroy City 3 North Coburg United 0, Broadmeadows City 2 Mooroolbark 1

P W D L F A PT

	25	16	5	4	48	21	53
South Wantirna	25	14	9	2	52	24	51
Fitzroy City	25	14	7	4	58	31	49
Stonnington City	25	15	3	7	47	34	48
North Coburg United	25	12	5	8	47	35	41
Moreland City	25	12	5	8	47	35	41
South Springvale	25	9	11	5	40	24	38
Laverton Park	25	9	8	8	42	39	35
Williamstown	25	7	7	11	39	49	28
Pascoe Vale	25	7	7	11	34	46	28
Mooroolbark	25	7	6	12	25	40	27
Broadmeadows City	25	6	6	13	35	49	24
Bell Park	25	5	7	13	28	55	22
Keilor Park	25	6	3	16	27	47	21
Banyule City	25	3	6	16	24	52	15

RESERVES: RD 25

Bell Park 1 Pascoe Vale 3, South Springvale 2 Moreland City 3, Williamstown 6 Stonnington City 3, South Wantirna 3 Laverton Park 2, Keilor Park 2 Banyule City 0, Fitzroy City 0 North Coburg United 6, Broadmeadows City 2 Mooroolbark 5

P W D L F A PT

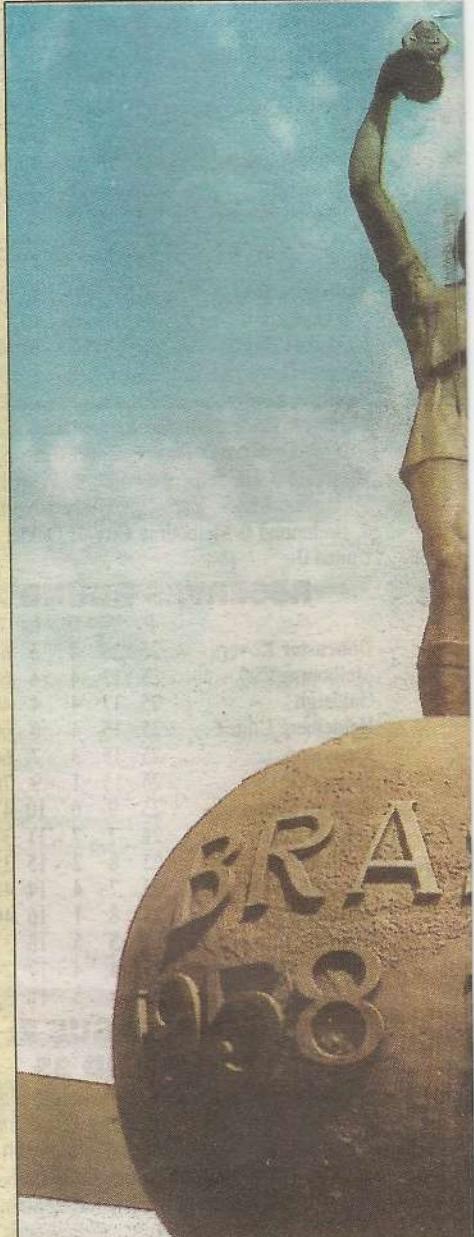
	25	15	5	5	59	33	50
Pascoe Vale	24	15	5	4	46	31	50
Moreland City	25	14	5	6	53	35	47
North Coburg United	25	14	3	8	58	43	45
Laverton Park	24	12	5	7	48	33	41
Stonnington City	25	11	5	9	61	44	38</

ONLY THE BEST

South America's reputation as the world's best has been based primarily on its overwhelming desire to be the best. Poverty, competition, passion, physical size and shape have all contributed towards the ultimate goal. It's a desire that starts almost from the womb, where football heroes are groomed by family, club and fans who all want to share in the reflected glory of success. Brazil's abundance of talent and level of success makes it the natural icon that everyone else tries to emulate and nowhere in the world is that competition so intense than in Latin America itself. Rivalries from country to country are a matter of life and death where the football field is the



'Would be if they could be' budding Romarios from Brazil's biggest club, Flamengo, start playing as soon as they can kick a ball.



The symbol on Brazilian World Cup success, captain in the 1958 and 1962 World Cups



Brazil's national coach Wanderley Luxemburgo argues with the embattled referee whilst he is protected by local militia.



Colombia's most fanatical fan, 'El Cole', sha

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ultimate arena to revenge old feuds that go back even before the arrival of the Conquistador, 500 years ago. ROD HAY'S three year odyssey through the Latin Continent to capture the unique playing styles, culture, and history that each country lays claim to, will have been seen in the memorable six hour TV series, CHAMPIONS OF THE WORLD, now on video release through Roadshow video at any major store countrywide at \$59.95. *Australian and British Soccer Weekly* features a mix of magic moments that Writer-Director-Producer Rod Hay photographed whilst filming the series.



is the statue of Bellini, Brazil's victorious outside the Maracana Stadium in Rio.

Brazil's great star of the 1980s, 'Zico', now has his own soccer clinic where young hopefuls abound preparing for stardom in Rio.



vs his true colours – those of his nation.

'Favela' football in Brazil where lifestyle and accommodation rub shoulders together at the Heliopolis township in Sao Paulo.

SOCER WOMAN

WITH JANENE MAR IN CANBERRA

ANSETT AUSTRALIA SUMMER SERIES

Spring has only just sprung, but in football terms, the summer excitement is looming, due for an early touchdown before you know it.

Saturday September 25 is kickoff time for the Ansett Australia Summer Series, 1999/2000 style.

This fourth season of women's soccer's national league starts and finishes earlier this time around, the elite program being adjusted for the advancing Olympic Games campaign.

The November 20 grand final climax will allow a short break before attention focuses on an intense international lead-up to Sydney 2000.

With the Olympic Games but one year away, and AIS Scholarships and OAP places still up for grabs, this season is set to be a cracker.

For those left out of the Squad and determined to fight their way back, the Summer Series represents their lifeline.

Those on the fringes still desperate to break into the Matildas ranks, this also may well be their last chance before the Olympics.

The league line-up returns to its original six combatants, the Victorians re-instated to the Ansett Summer Series after a year's absence.

The format also sees a change, six of the ten rounds played as a single match for each team on the Saturday (with the odd Sunday fixture appearing instead of Saturday).

Rounds Three and Four (Sydney) and Rounds Eight and Nine (Canberra) will combine as a doubleheader weekend in a central location with one match each on the Friday followed by another game on the Sunday.



Jessica Halfpenny: South Australia's prolific goalscorer.

ACTAS CANBERRA ECLIPSE

Again expected to be a combination of young talent and experience. Boasts the largest number of National OAP Squad members with six. Coach Ian Murray may however be short on strikepower following the loss of Matildas attacker Lisa Casagrande who has decided to spend the rest of the year on a US college scholarship with the University of Portland. Last season "Cassa" smacked home a stunning 16 goals including an amazing four hat-tricks.

1998/99 Placing: Runners-Up
1998/99 Top Goalscorer: Lisa Casagrande 16 goals
Home Ground: Ainslie Football Club

NORTHERN NSW PRIDE

Struggled last season with a very young squad. Have adopted a new team name which will hopefully help them herald an improved overall performance this time around. With the experience gained through last summer and the winter season together, should record a more competitive showing. The focused return of former international Sunni Hughes should bolster their goalscoring chances.

1998/99 Placing: 5th
1998/99 Top Goalscorer: Cheryl Salisbury 6 goals
Home Ground: Jack McLaughlan Oval and Coffs Harbour International Stadium

SASI PIRATES

Can the reigning champions keep up their record of making every grand final?

This may be the most competitive of seasons for all teams, but the South Australia Sports Institute (SASI) Pirates always seem to have the knack of pulling through, especially when the chips are down.

This was illustrated last year with their dramatic late winning goal in the last match of the season to snatch the grandfinal berth from NSWIS Sapphires.

1998/99 Placing: Champions
1998/99 Top Goalscorer: Jessica Halfpenny 8 goals
Home Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium, and a venue tbc

NSW INSTITUTE OF SPORT SAPPHIRES

Will be keen to make up for the disappointment of missing last year's grand final by the one point to eventual champions SASI Pirates. On paper, always a team which promises much but consistency remains the key if they are to regain the crown won in season 1997/98, their only grand final appearance.

Again have five Matildas in their ranks.

1998/99 Placing: 3rd
1998/99 Top Goalscorer: Julie Murray & Kelly Golebiowski 4 goals
Home Ground: Valentine Sports Park

QLD ACADEMY OF SPORT

With a mid-season change of coach last year and injury problems, QAS Sting had a topsy-turvy time last year and finished well behind in the points race.

Now that coach Mike Mulvey has settled in well to his position and can prepare his side from scratch for this season, should be back challenging for top honours.

1998/99 Placing: 4th
1998/99 Top Goalscorer: Lisa Dunne 9 goals
Home Ground: Richlands Stadium, Underwood Park, and Suncorp Stadium

VICTORIA VISION

The Victorians are likely to do it tough after a year out of national league ranks, although did finish a surprising third in season 1997/98. Expected to field a lineup similar to that of their first two seasons, it will be interesting to see if their largely young squad has improved and can find their feet again at this level.

Coach Bill Murray was only appointed a few weeks ago and without a formal ITC program behind him, will have the toughest of challenges.

1998/99 Placing: Did not compete
1998/99 Top Goalscorer: n/a
Home Ground: Epping Soccer Stadium



Lisa Casagrande: Won't be playing in the Summer Series this year.

The player draft

Each season, the National Coach directs the player draft, placing the OAP Squad athletes and any recognised top talent from the States not competing in the league in an appropriate Summer Series team.

Caretaker National Coach Chris Tansey has formulated the following draft, with the destination of Alison Forman the only decision yet to be finalised.

There are no non-OAP players from the smaller States included in this year's draft.

ACTAS CANBERRA ECLIPSE

Traci Bartlett, Sarah Cooper, Peita-Claire Hepperlin, Amy Taylor, Sacha Wainwright, Amy Wilson

NSWIS SAPPHIRES

Kelly Golebiowski, Julie Murray, Joanne Peters, Bridgette Starr, Anissa Tann-Darby

NORTHERN NSW PRIDE

Joanne Butland, Tracie McGovern, Cheryl Salisbury, Shelley Youman

QAS STING

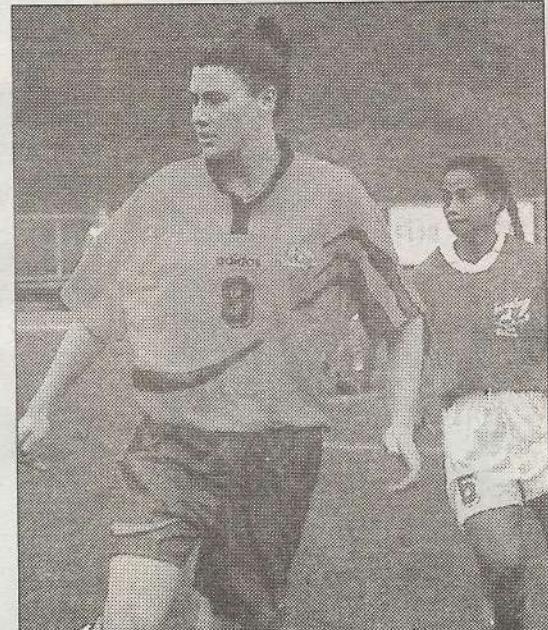
Alicia Ferguson, Kate McShea, Kim Revell

SASI PIRATES

Dianne Alagich, Sharon Black, Tracey Wheeler

VICTORIA VISION

No draft players.



Cheryl Salisbury: Northern NSW's top goal scorer last season.

AUSSIES ABROAD

Transfer, Contract, Injury and Trial News



Research by Binesh Mudaliar of Soccer Australia

Socceroo midfielder ROSS ALOISI has signed a three-year contract with Austrian First Division club Graz AK. Aloisi joins GAK from French second division outfit FC Lorient.

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MARCELO PENA has returned to Chilean first division side, Santiago Morning, following the collapse of his transfer to Greek club, OFI Crete.

Pena made his comeback for Morning in the 23rd round of the season (August 22), where he was replaced in the 49th minute in his side's 1-0 away loss to O'Higgins.

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Former Apollon Athinon (Greek first division) defender PETER LAHANAS has signed with Ericsson Cup Club Wollongong Wolves.

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Ex-Young Boys of Berne (Switzerland) and Bristol City (England) striker PAUL AGOSTINO has prematurely re-signed with Bundesliga club 1860 Munich for a further three years and will now remain at the Olympiastadion until June 30, 2003.

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Socceroo midfielder JOSIP SKOKO and his Croatian club Hajduk Split have reached an agreement in regard to the



Paul Agostino: Signed a new three year contract.

Australian's personal terms. Among the terms, Skoko is to be allowed to move to another club if the transfer fee offered is at least two million Deutschmarks.

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Belgian media reports have Lierse striker JOE SPITERI, on the advice of his club's coach and medical staff, shortly undergoing surgery for a broken foot.

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Following JOE SIMUNIC'S recovery from foot problems, Hamburg coach, Frank Pagelsdorf, has included the 21 year-old in the club's senior squad. Simunic played his first Bundesliga game since the 1997/98 season when he came off the bench in the 71st minute in the recent 3-1 win away to Schalke.

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In other injury news from the Bundesliga, Ulm striker DAVID ZDRILIC is reportedly struggling with a back injury.

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In England, Carlisle United striker PAUL HARRIES will be out of action for several weeks after damaging a hand in a training mishap.

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Socceroo DANNY TIATTO is attempting to overcome a hamstring injury ahead of Manchester City's home clash with Crystal Palace this weekend.

Crystal Palace midfielder Craig Foster is continuing his recovery from a serious knee injury which he suffered late last season.

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Socceroo MARK BOSNICH and JASON KEARTON both face increased competition to remain the first-choice goalkeepers at Manchester United and Crewe Alexandra respectively, following recent purchases by their clubs.

United has signed Italian Massimo Taibi, while Trinidad and Tobago custodian Clayton Ince has transferred to first division Crewe.

Bosnich has been sidelined recently with a hamstring injury while Kearton is a first-team regular with Crewe.

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Fifteen-year-old Port Lion (South Australia state league) goalkeeper DIMITRI BRINIAS has left these shores to commence a two-year apprenticeship with England's Bournemouth.

TOP AUSSIE GOALSCORERS OVERSEAS

(AS OF SEPTEMBER 6)

BRIAN BOTHWELL (BRUNEI)	9
MARK VIDUKA (Celtic)	5
TONY POPOVIC (SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA)	5
ALEX DURIC (TANJONG PAGAR UNITED)	5

European Glory

With the Champions League and UEFA Cup kicking-off in earnest this week, here's a quick run-down of Australians who could be lifting Europe's most coveted club trophies come the middle of next year.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Group Phase One sees 32 teams divided into eight groups of four, for a series of home and away games.

Match-day One in the Champions League is set for September 14 & 15. There are a total of six matches for each club in this stage of the competition.

Australians who could feature in Group Phase One of the Champions League are:

	Group A	
Frank Juric	Bayer Leverkusen	(Ger)
	Group B	
Paul Okon	Fiorentina	(Ita)
	Group D	
Mark Bosnich	Manchester United	(Eng)
	Group E	
Kyriacos Tohourogloou	Olympiakos	(Gre)
	Group F	
Tony Vidmar Craig Moore	Glasgow Rangers Glasgow Rangers	(Sco) (Sco)
	Group H	
Ufuk Talay	Galatasaray	(Tur)

*See the full draw on Page 24

UEFA CUP

The first round consists of 64 teams. Based on the aggregate score from a home & away tie, the 32 winners advance to the next round.

The first-leg matches of round one are scheduled for September 14 and 16.

Australians who could take the field in this knockout stage are:

Jason Culina	Ajax Amsterdam	(Hol)
Harry Kewell	Leeds United	(Eng)
Josip Bacak	Vitesse Arnhem	(Hol)
Chris Coyne	West Ham United	(Eng)
Ante Covic	PAOK Salonika	(Gre)
Mark Viduka	Glasgow Celtic	(Sco)
Ross Aloisi	Graz AK	(Aut)
Andy Vlahos	Panathinaikos	(Gre)
Zeljko Kalac	Roda JC Kerkrade	(Hol)
Tony Grdic	Hajduk Split	(Cro)
Josip Skoko	Hajduk Split	(Cro)
Joe Spiteri	Lierse	(Bel)



Ufuk Talay: Pictured when he was playing for Marconi.



Joe Spiteri: Plays in the Belgium first division.

JUNIOR SOCCER



St Dominic's College at Kingswood were the Sydney Metropolitan Catholic Schools Under-14 premiers after defeating Parramatta Marist Brothers in the grand final.

Back Row (left to right): Aaron Zander, Koray Buyukkopr, Reid McNally, Marco Stasic, Peter Somogyi, Pat Camilleri, Scott Tyrrell, Tony Thomson (Coach). Front row: (left to right) Shannon Cini, Mark Banovic, Gareth De Lange, Tim Harrington, Luke Dunn, Matthew Cornelly, Michael Noro, Andrew Severin.



Back row: Andrew MacLeod (coach), Eli McFetrich, Slobhan Malkoun, Benjamin Laurence-Chenu, Lachlan Macleod, Rowan Jackson (manager). Front row: Luke Yakoubi, Robbie Jackson, Joshua Turnbull-Finnegan, Harry Wall, Henry Cook, Sarah Reay Young, Tom Ulman.

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BILL TURNER CUP

The Bill Turner Cup for 15 year olds is one of the largest schoolboys soccer competitions in the world.

Last year, when 738 teams entered, organisers approached the Guinness Book of World Records, which told them they knew of no larger competition of its kind.

Unfortunately for this year, with no major sponsor, the Bill Turner Cup attracted "only" 579 teams.

The teams came from Queensland, Northern NSW, the ACT, NSW and northern Victoria.

A lack of funds prevented the Bill Turner Cup from accepting entries from further around Australia.

The Bill Turner Cup is named after its founder Bill Turner, a long serving school soccer official.

The first Bill Turner Cup was held in 1979 and attracted 34 schools, all from the NSW Hunter region.

This year's semi-finals and final were held last Wednesday at the Jack McLaughlan Oval in Newcastle.

Grand Final

Figtree High School (Wollongong) 4 (Bradd Grimson 16 min, 57m; Luke Russell 5m; Adam Pazitnai 50m) beat All Saints College St Peters (Maitland) 1 (Michael Ryan 1m).

This match had it all, great skills, fair play, five goals — each one a gem, end to end football and great atmosphere.

It was both teams' second Cup final. The two teams met in 1988 with St Peters the victors.

St Peters scored the first goal in the 11th second of the match from the kickoff. Joshua Castillo pushing a long ball wide and deep with Thomas Libbeson working hard to gain possession and quickly crossing into the six yard box for Michael Ryan to score.

Four minutes later Luke Russell equalised, after a goal mouth scramble. Bradd Grimson added the first of his two goals in the 16th minute with his second, the fourth for his team, in the 57th minute.

Adam Pazitnaj sealing the match for Figtree in the 50th minute.

3rd/4th Play-off

St Augustines Cairns 4 (Matthew Baldizzone 42min, 53m, 58m; Jurgen Westera 49m) beat Pennant Hills High School 1 (Ben Pike 16m).

St Augustines Cairns, the team that travelled 6,300 kilometres in one week by the time they got home, defeated Pennant Hills High from Sydney 4-1 in the third place play-off.

Matthew Baldizzone scoring a hat-trick and supported by Jurgen Westera. Ben Pike the scorer for Pennant Hills.

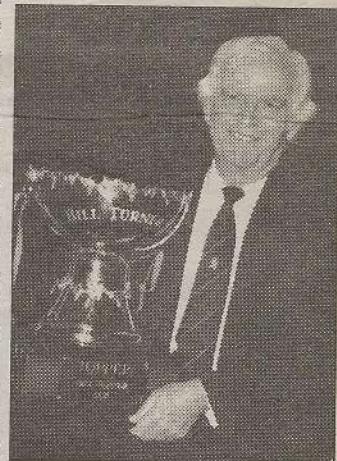
First Semi-Final

All Saints College St Peters Maitland 2 (Thomas Libbeson 1 min, 44m) beat St Augustine's Cairns 1 (Jurgen Westera 45m).

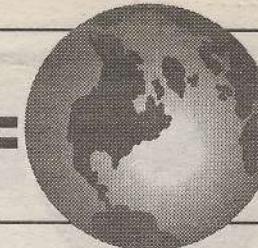
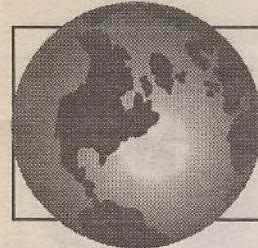
Second Semi-Final

Figtree High School Wollongong 2 (Daniel Ratajkoski 24m, Bradd Grimson 35m) beat Pennant Hills High School Sydney 0.

● The Austcraft Medals Bill Turner Cup Star Player Award for the semi-finals and finals went to Alex Petrou of St Augustines Cairns.



Bill Turner holding the Bill Turner Cup.



Roma's Alessandro Rinaldi (left) and Ronaldo contest a header.

Italian Serie A

AS Roma 0 Inter Milan 0

Roma had by far the better of this clash between Fabio Capello's and Marcello Lippi's new sides.

Inter started with Ronaldo on the pitch and Christian Vieri on the bench but the Brazilian was deeply disappointing and Inter came alive only when Vieri replaced him after the break.

Cagliari 0 Juventus 1

Juventus welcomed back Dutch midfielder Edgar Davids, sidelined for a month due to a dispute about his eye-drops which contain a banned diuretic.

The Turin side failed to shine but took maximum points thanks to captain Antonio Conte, who headed home an Alessandro Del Piero corner after the break.

AC Milan 3 Perugia 1

Perfect preparation for Milan's trip to Chelsea in midweek and the most convincing performance of the past month from the defending Italian champion.

CELTIC'S HARD WIN

pions. Bierhoff (27), Shevchenko (59) and Leonardo (72) were on target.

Parma 1 Bologna 1

Bologna appeared set to claim their first victory in nine Serie A derbies against their Reggio Emilia neighbours after Giuseppe Signori gave them a lead with a shot deflected off Frenchman Lilian Thuram.

But Swede Klas Ingesson headed into his own goal seven minutes from time to hand a point to Parma, who had Croat Mario Stanic sent off for a second bookable offence.

Torino 2 Venezia 1

Marco Ferrante, scorer of 27 goals in Serie B last season, scored his first in Serie A as Torino game from behind to win.

The match turned on the dismissal after 51 minutes of Venezia's Emanuele Brioschi when his side were winning 1-0. Ferrante equalised and then set up a late winner.

Verona 2 Lecce 0

Comfortable win for Verona in a match between two of the newly promoted sides in Serie A.

Midfielder Antonio Marasco and striker Alfredo Aglietti wrapped up the three points with goals before halftime.

Bari 0 Lazio 0

A poor performance from the Rome side just three days before they make their debut in the Champions League against Germany's Bayer Leverkusen.

Alen Boksic, Kennet Andersson, Attilio Lombardo and Roberto Mancini all missed golden chances to give them their first away win of the season.

Reggina 2 Fiorentina 2

Fiorentina conceded an early penalty before hitting back through Aldo Firicano and Jorge Heinrich to lead 2-1. Argentine forward Enrique Reggi gave Reggina a point with a late strike.

The match, Reggina's first top flight fixture of their 85-year history, was played in a carnival atmosphere before 26,000 fans in a packed stadium in Reggio Calabria.

Udinese 3 Piacenza 0

A comfortable win for Udinese ahead of their UEFA Cup tie against Denmark's AaB Aalborg on Tuesday (today).

Thomas Locatelli scored the pick of their goals, beating goalkeeper Flavio Roma at his near post from the tightest of angles.

New signing Roberto Muzzi was also on the mark, adding to his goal on the opening day of the season.

Swedish striker Henrik Larsson thought he had added a second five minutes from time but Burchill, ironically, was judged offside and the "goal" was ruled out.

Kilmarnock's best effort came midway through the second half when Paul Wright raced through with only the keeper to beat but his chip hit the crossbar.

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A point for Bradford

Stuart McCall headed a 92nd minute injury time goal to earn Bradford a much-needed 1-1 home draw against Tottenham in the English Premier League last Sunday.

The 35-year-old former Scottish international sneaked in front of the Spurs defence who seemed rooted to the spot from a corner from the left and nodded home a David Weatherall header from a metre out.

It was an unlikely point for the promoted side which looked short of class against the Londoners who dominated much of the game and deservedly took the lead after 75 minutes through defender Chris Perry.

The former Wimbledon player, who joined Spurs for 4 million pounds (\$10 million) during the off-season, scored his first goal for Spurs when he leaped high at the far post to power a long David Ginola corner into the opposite corner after 75 minutes.

Frenchman Ginola, who is still hop-



ing to resurrect his international career with the help of an impressive run in the UEFA Cup this season, had gone closest to breaking the first half deadlock after 25 minutes.

Not for the first or last time in the match, Bradford's defence allowed him far too much space and his curling left foot drive looked destined for the

top corner until goalkeeper Gary Walsh tipped it wide at full stretch.

The 31-year-old Walsh was crucial to Bradford's efforts in keeping out Spurs and he denied Maricio Taricco a rare goal with an acrobatic save from a dipping shot from the right edge of the area.

Bradford reserved their best football until the dying minutes but Spurs' well-organised defence led by international goalkeeper Ian Walker looked easily capable of denying them until McCall's late intervention.

The result gives the home side only their second point in five games since their opening day victory at Middlesbrough but they remain third from bottom on goal difference.

Spurs have to settle for 10th place in the table instead of seventh. They return to European competition for the first time in seven years this Thursday against Zimbru Chisinau of Moldova in the UEFA Cup at White Hart Lane.



Tottenham's Chris Perry (right) celebrates scoring his first goal against Bradford City with team mate Steffen Iversen.



English Premier League

**Liverpool 2
Manchester United 3**

United striker Andy Cole was at the centre of the action, scoring for the champions in the first half and being sent off midway through the second.

Liverpool defender Jamie Carragher scored two own goals in the first half and, despite a 69th minute Patrik Berger effort, Liverpool never recovered.

Sami Hyypia scored Liverpool's opener and United goalkeeper Massimo Taibi made three great saves on his debut.

**Arsenal 3
Aston Villa 1**

Julian Joachim scored just before halftime with Villa's first shot of the game but Davor Suker opened his Highbury account in injury time by finishing off a beautiful flick from Dennis Bergkamp.

Suker scored his second after a free kick, awarded for Villa keeper David James taking too many steps, was touched to him. Kanu replaced Bergkamp late in the second half and finished off a Marc Overmars break to make it 3-1.

**Chelsea 1
Newcastle 0**

A controversial penalty awarded against Newcastle's Nikos Dabizas for pulling down Celestine Babayaro allowed Chelsea to take the lead in the 37th minute, Frank Leboeuf scoring from the spot.

Newcastle threatened little in Bobby Robson's first game but Ed de Goey pulled off a fine save to deny Duncan Ferguson late in the first half.

**Coventry 3
Leeds 4**

A superb first half started with a penalty from Coventry's Gary McAllister after two minutes.

The midfielder's free kick allowed John Aloisi to head home their second after Lee Bowyer had equalised for Leeds.



Davor Suker: Finally opened his Arsenal account.

Darren Huckerby scored United's second equaliser with a toe poke against his old club but an Ian Harte penalty, after a foul on England's David Batty, put Leeds back in front.

A glorious right foot volley by Youssef Chippo brought Coventry level but Michael Bridges tapped in Leeds' winner.

**Middlesbrough 3
Southampton 2**

A mistake by Boro keeper Mark Schwarzer, who came out of his goal area and mistimed a header, let Hassan Kachloul score from 30 metres in the 15th minute.

**West Ham 1
Watford 0**

The home side equalised two minutes later with a 30-metre shot from defender Gary Pallister. Marians Pahars finished off a break from Southampton's own half in the 55th.

Paul Ince then had a header from a corner punched off the line by Luis Boa Morte who was sent off.

Paul Gascoigne scored from the penalty spot to put Boro level and they went ahead when Brian Deane hit home at the far post in the 78th.

**West Ham 1
Watford 0**

Paolo di Canio scored in the 47th minute when his long range effort eluded Watford keeper Alec Chamberlain. West Ham and England left back Stuart Pearce broke his leg after a tackle.

Manager Harry Redknapp said Pearce had cracked a bone in his leg after he was involved in a heavy tackle.

Redknapp said Pearce, signed on a free transfer after former Newcastle United manager Ruud Gullit made clear to the player that he thought his career was over, would be out for "quite a while".

"He's been in such fantastic form for us and he's been such a terrific lad to have around the place. The fans have taken to him immediately...he'll be badly missed."

Pearce, who won his England recall and 78th international cap this month after a two-year absence, was turned down by a handful of clubs before West Ham took him to help them through a defensive injury crisis.

Wimbledon 2 Derby 2

Derby took the lead through centre back Horacio Carbonari with a header from a 14th minute free kick.

John Hartson headed home Wimbledon's equaliser in the 62nd minute after strong pressure by the home side and a Jason Ewell header 60 seconds later put the Dons ahead. Seth Johnson earned Derby a point nine minutes from time.

**Sheffield Wednesday 0
Everton 2**

A neat finish by Nick Barmby and a tap-in by Scott Gemmill, after a cross eluded the entire Wednesday defence, left Everton 2-0 up after 18 minutes against the bottom side who have now lost six of their seven games.

Sunderland 2 Leicester 0

Paul Butler put Sunderland ahead from a corner in the 28th minute after goalkeeper Tim Flowers missed the ball.

Garry Taggart was sent off for a second yellow card in the 62nd minute and Gavin McCann chipped over Flowers to put Sunderland out of reach eight minutes from time.

THE WORST START IN 25 YEARS

Michael Mols struck twice as Scottish champions Rangers beat Aberdeen 3-0 last Saturday and condemned their opponents to an ignominious record.

Bottom club Aberdeen's run of six straight defeats means they have now made the worst start in the Premier League's 25-year history, eclipsing Hamilton in 1986.

Dane Ebbe Skovdahl's team have yet to score a goal after nine hours of league football this season.

For Rangers though, it was the perfect warm-up for tomorrow's (Wednesday) Champions League match in Valencia and coach Dick Advocaat did not even wait to see Jorg Albertz seal their sixth straight win with an 85th minute penalty.

The Dutchman left Ibrox Stadium with 15 minutes to go to catch a plane to Spain to see his Group F opponents in action that night.

Advocaat could be in trouble with the Scottish FA however after admitting on television last Saturday that he had approached Scotland forward Eoin Jess about joining Rangers, but had not spoken to Aberdeen.

Such transfer activity is illegal in Scotland.

Jess was a subdued figure and Mols' 16th minute opener ripped Aberdeen's slender resistance apart in front of a 49,226 crowd.

The Dutch international fastened onto a knockdown from Gabriel Amato and buried a right footed shot from 18 metres.

Mols doubled the lead in the 49th minute, pouncing after first Amato and then Neil McCann had shots blocked, to take his total to nine goals since joining from FC Utrecht in the summer.

Substitute Albertz wrapped up the scoring after Amato had been brought down by Russell Anderson.

Dundee United moved up in third place to 11 points with a fine 3-1 win at home to Hibernian.

Israeli international Jan Talesnikov put them ahead with a third minute shot, before Russell Latapy equalised for Hibs with a solo run in the 48th minute which ended with a 16 meter shot.

David Hannah's 35-metre shot in the 70th minute and a penalty in injury-time from Scotland striker Billy Dodds sealed



the points for Dundee United who have been transformed after just escaping relegation last season.

Hearts, who had an 8.0 million pound (\$20 million) investment in midweek from a media group, may hold off in moving into the transfer market after a con-

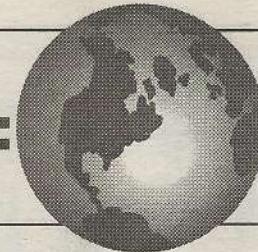
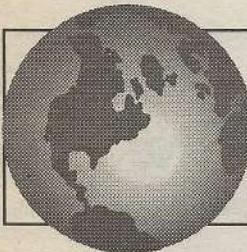
vincing 4-0 defeat of Dundee at Tynecastle.

Stephane Adam struck first with a low sixth minute shot and then three goals in seven minutes — from Darren Jackson (74), a 16 metre shot by Colin Cameron and then Scott Severin's diving header (81) — put the Edinburgh club on 10 points.

St Johnstone squandered the chance of a victory ahead of this Thursday's UEFA Cup tie in Monaco when Gary Bollan missed an 85th minute penalty in the 1-1 draw at home to Motherwell.

Kevin Thomas's 25th minute header for the Perth club — who now have eight points — was cancelled in the 60th minute by John Spencer's shot on the turn.

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Earthquake delay

Greece's soccer federation postponed last weekend's start of the league season for a week after an earthquake that killed at least 95 people and damaged thousands of buildings including sports stadiums.

The decision was taken after a plea from Andreas Fouras, the junior minister responsible for sport, officials said.

"It is not the right moment for matches. There are still people trapped in buildings and there's the

issue of fan safety," he was quoted as saying by the Athens News Agency.

"We first have to check sports facilities," he said.

AEK Athens's stadium was damaged by last Tuesday's 5.9 Richter scale quake with cracks appearing in the stands.

Last Wednesday's European championship qualifier between Greece and Albania in Athens was postponed until October 6.

England v Argentina



Argentina to Wembley in February 2000," confirmed an FA spokeswoman.

England have met Argentina on five previous occasions at Wembley and have never lost.

Sir Alf Ramsey's side famously won a bad-tempered World Cup quarter-final in 1966. Diego Maradona and company were held to a 2-2 draw on their last visit eight years ago.

"We've been in discussion with the English FA for some time and we are very excited to be lining up against Mr. Keegan at Wembley next February," said an AFA spokesman.

"Matches between the two sides are always competitive and we wanted the chance to play at Wembley before it is demolished."

"We are looking forward to welcoming



No interviews ... until I learn Spanish

Nicolas Anelka (pictured left) has met with Real Madrid president Lorenzo Sanz and his team mates to clear the air after media reports he was depressed and wanted to give up the game.

"I spoke to Lorenzo Sanz on Thursday and it was a warm, friendly meeting. I assured him that the reports were not true. He believes me," the 20-year-old striker said.

The Frenchman was speaking at a press conference last Friday, organised by Real Madrid in the hope of putting an end to doubts over the club's wisdom in paying Arsenal \$54 million to make Anelka the second

costliest player in footballing history.

The media reports, which appeared in England the weekend before while Anelka was on Euro 2000 duty for France, said that Anelka was unimpressed by the quality of his fellow strikers, Spanish internationals Raul Gonzalez and Fernando Morientes.

"I spoke not just to Raul and Morientes but to all my team mates and they have accepted my explanations. It's obvious they are good players," said the striker, speaking through an interpreter.

The 20-year-old denied the affair had added to the pressure on him. "I accept I'm not in top form but it is

always difficult to adapt at first when you join a big club."

Anelka pointed the finger of blame firmly at the English press, whose constant spotlight on Anelka was one of the reasons he wanted to leave Arsenal.

"After two years, nothing about the English press surprises me. I will never speak to them."

"I don't know why they won't leave me alone. I am just a normal person." Real Madrid have announced that the player will begin Spanish classes this week. "Until I can express myself I won't be giving any interviews," said Anelka.

Taibi ineligible for Europe games



Massimo Taibi: In action against Liverpool last Saturday.

Manchester United lost their appeal to UEFA last Friday over the eligibility of goalkeeper Massimo Taibi to play for them in the Champions League.

United signed Taibi for 4.5 million pounds (\$11.5 million) from Venezia on August 31 — hours before the midnight deadline for new players to be registered for this season's competition.

But UEFA said that the player was

not registered until September 1, the day after the deadline passed.

United claimed that Taibi's documents did not reach UEFA until the day after because of a delay at the Italian soccer federation.

But UEFA's appeals body in Geneva ruled that UEFA were right to refuse to register the goalkeeper as eligible.

United open their defence of the trophy against Croatia Zagreb at Old

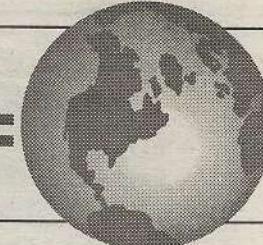
Trafford today (Tuesday) and manager Alex Ferguson had rushed to sign the Italian after an injury to pre-season signing Mark Bosnich.

United have two other goalkeepers in their first team squad — 36-year-old Dutchman Raimond van der Gouw and 21-year-old Nick Culkin, who has only five minutes of first-class soccer to his name.



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FIFA World Rankings



1 Brazil	68 Costa Rica	136 St Kitts & Nevis
2 France	69 Thailand	137 St Vincent/Gren
3 Czech Republic	70 Zimbabwe	138 Solomon Islands
4 Italy	71 Northern Ireland	139 Hong Kong
5 Germany	72 Mali	140 Ethiopia
6 Argentina	72 Honduras	141 Panama
7 Spain	74 Guatemala	142 Sri Lanka
8 Croatia	74 Nigeria	143 San Marino
9 Mexico	76 Gabon	144 Saint Lucia
10 Romania	77 Algeria	144 Dominica
11 Norway	78 Burkina Faso	146 Gambia
12 Portugal	79 Cuba	147 Bangladesh
13 Netherlands	80= Qatar	148 Antigua & Barbuda
14 England	80= Namibia	149 Lesotho
15 Sweden	82 Guinea	150 Yemen
16 Paraguay	83 Togo	151 Laos
17= Denmark	84 Uzbekistan	152 Niger
17= Colombia	85 Senegal	153 Mauritania
19 Morocco	86 Wales	154 Dominican Rep.
20= Austria	87 Oman	155 Andorra
20= United States	88 Estonia	156 Libya
22 Yugoslavia	89 Armenia	156 Cayman Islands
23 Chile	90 Bosnia-Herz.	158 Rwanda
24 Slovakia	91 El Salvador	159 Kyrgyzstan
25 Ukraine	92 Mozambique	160 Surinam
26 Israel	92 Belarus	161 Maldives
27 Poland	94 Liberia	162 North Korea
28 Russia	95 Albania	163 Botswana
29 Tunisia	96 Congo	164 Nepal
30 South Africa	97 Canada	165 Bermuda
31 Zambia	98 Singapore	166 British Virgin Is.
32 Scotland	99 Kenya	167 Netherlands Ant.
33 Belgium	100 Moldova	168 Eritrea
34 Bulgaria	101= New Zealand	169 Guinea-Bissau
35 Egypt	101= Vietnam	170 Guyana
35 Saudi Arabia	101= Azerbaijan	171 Cambodia
37 Greece	104 Indonesia	172 Chinese Taipei
38 Ireland	105 Haiti	173 Macao
39 South Korea	106 Uganda	174 Tonga
40 Turkey	107 Faroe Islands	175 Cape Verde Islands
41 Peru	108 Iraq	176 Samoa
42 Jamaica	109 Malawi	177 Papua New Guinea
43= Uruguay	109 Venezuela	178 Cook Islands
43= Ghana	111 Syria	179 Philippines
45= Ivory Coast	112 Lebanon	180 Pakistan
45= Japan	113 Barbados	181 Vanuatu
47 Lithuania	114 India	182 Puerto Rico
48 Iceland	115 Sierra Leone	183 Chad
49= Trinidad & Tobago	116 Malaysia	184 Brunei Darussalam
49= Hungary	117 Kazakhstan	185 Seychelles
51 Iran	118 Sudan	186 Aruba
52 Bolivia	119 Tanzania	187 Belize
53 Cameroon	120 Mauritius	187 Bahamas
54 Switzerland	121 Myanmar	189 Nicaragua
55 Kuwait	121 Grenada	190 US Virgin Islands
56 Angola	121 Malta	191 Palestine
57 Ecuador	124 Bahrain	192 Djibouti
58 China	125 Turkmenistan	193 Turks & Caicos Is.
59 Congo DR (Zaire)	126 Fiji	194 Equatorial Guinea
59 Finland	127 Jordan	195 Sao Tome e Pr.
61= Slovenia	127 Luxembourg	196 Somalia
61= AUSTRALIA	129 Tajikistan	197 Central African R
63 Latvia	130 Tahiti	198 American Samoa
64= United Arab Emirates	131 Burundi	198 Mongolia
64= Georgia	132 Madagascar	200 Guam
66 FYR Macedonia	133 Liechtenstein	201= Anguilla
67 Cyprus	133 Benin	201= Montserrat
	135 Swaziland	

Note: Teams inactive since 1991 and teams which have not played yet do not appear in the table.

ASIA CALLS OFF 2002 BOYCOTT



Japan's star midfielder Hidetoshi Nakata (left) struggles for the ball with South Korean captain midfielder Kim Do-Kyun during a friendly at Tokyo's National Stadium.

An Asian boycott of the 2002 World Cup was averted last week when FIFA president Sepp Blatter and Asian confederation president Sultan Ahmad Shah reached an agreement on the allocation of teams for the finals.

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) will remain with four-and-a-half berths, but FIFA said it will reconsider the allocation of Asian teams for the 2006 World Cup.

The four and a half berths comprise the two co-hosts Japan and South Korea, two qualifiers and one Asian team that will play off against a European team for a place in the finals.

As part of the agreement, the FIFA executive will decide on the distribution of Asian teams for the 2006 World Cup before the kick-off of the 2002 preliminary competition.

The Asian Confederation's participation in the World Cup was thrown into doubt when the AFC delegation walked out of a FIFA extraordinary congress in July, after the world governing body refused to increase the number of Asian qualifying berths for the finals.

The AFC had originally demanded a full extra qualifying spot at the next World Cup bringing its quota to five, but was granted only half a place.

That half place was given up by UEFA, the governing body of European football, in what was expected to have been a satisfactory compromise.

FIFA, in cooperation with the Confederations concerned will decide on the play-off status for the 2002 finals before the draw in December 1999.





Euro 2000

2000 European

• GROUP 1 •

Belarus	0-1	Switzerland
Denmark	1-2	Italy
Wales	0-2	Italy
Belarus	0-0	Denmark
Italy	2-0	Switzerland
Denmark	1-2	Wales
Wales	3-2	Belarus
Switzerland	1-1	Denmark
Switzerland	2-0	Wales
Italy	1-1	Belarus
Denmark	1-0	Belarus
Italy	4-0	Wales
Switzerland	0-0	Italy
Wales	0-2	Denmark
Belarus	1-2	Wales
Denmark	2-1	Switzerland
Switzerland	2-0	Belarus
Italy	2-3	Denmark

Remaining fixtures

Wales v Switzerland - 9 Oct
Belarus v Italy - 9 Oct

Table

Denmark	8	4	2	2	11	8	14
Italy	7	4	2	1	13	5	14
Switzerland	7	3	2	2	7	5	11
Wales	7	3	0	4	7	14	9
Belarus	7	0	2	5	4	10	2

• GROUP 2 •

Georgia	1-1	Slovenia
Greece	0-2	Norway
Georgia	1-0	Albania
Greece	2-2	Slovenia
Norway	1-3	Latvia
Slovenia	1-2	Norway
Latvia	1-0	Georgia
Norway	2-2	Albania
Greece	3-0	Georgia
Slovenia	1-0	Latvia
Albania	0-0	Greece
Latvia	0-0	Greece
Albania	0-0	Latvia
Georgia	1-4	Norway
Norway	1-0	Georgia
Albania	1-2	Norway
Georgia	1-2	Greece
Latvia	1-2	Slovenia
Greece	1-2	Latvia
Albania	0-1	Slovenia
Slovenia	2-0	Albania
Norway	1-0	Greece
Latvia	3-3	Albania
Slovenia	2-1	Georgia
Norway	4-0	Slovenia
Georgia	2-2	Latvia

Remaining fixtures

Greece v Albania - 6 Oct
Albania v Georgia - 9 Oct
Slovenia v Greece - 9 Oct
Latvia v Norway - 9 Oct

Table

Norway	9	7	1	1	19	8	22
Slovenia	9	5	2	1	12	11	17
Latvia	9	3	4	2	12	10	13
Greece	8	2	3	3	8	8	9
Georgia	9	1	2	6	7	16	5
Albania	8	0	4	4	6	11	4

• GROUP 5 •

Sweden	2-1	England
Bulgaria	0-3	Poland
Poland	3-0	Luxembourg
England	0-0	Bulgaria
Bulgaria	0-1	Sweden
Luxembourg	0-3	England
Luxembourg	0-2	Bulgaria
Poland	0-1	Sweden
England	3-1	Poland
Sweden	2-0	Luxembourg
Poland	2-0	Bulgaria
England	0-0	Sweden
Bulgaria	1-1	England
Luxembourg	2-3	Poland
Sweden	1-0	Bulgaria
England	6-0	Luxembourg
Luxembourg	0-1	Sweden
Poland	0-0	England

Remaining fixtures

Sweden v Poland - 9 Oct
Bulgaria v Luxembourg - 10 Oct

Table

Sweden	7	6	1	0	8	1	19
England	8	3	4	1	14	4	13
Poland	7	4	1	2	12	6	13
Bulgaria	7	1	2	4	3	8	5
Luxembourg	7	0	0	7	2	20	0

• GROUP 6 •

Spain	9-0	Austria
Austria	1-1	Israel
Cyprus	3-2	Spain
Cyprus	0-3	Austria
San Marino	0-5	Israel
Israel	1-2	Spain
San Marino	1-4	Austria
San Marino	0-1	Cyprus
Cyprus	4-0	San Marino
Israel	3-0	Cyprus
San Marino	0-6	Spain
Austria	7-0	San Marino
Spain	9-0	San Marino
Israel	5-0	Austria
Austria	1-3	Spain
Cyprus	3-2	Israel
Spain	6-0	Cyprus
Israel	8-0	San Marino

Remaining fixtures

Spain v Israel - 9 Oct
Austria v Cyprus - 10 Oct

Table

Spain	7	6	0	1	39	5	18
Israel	7	4	1	2	25	6	13
Cyprus	7	4	0	3	11	18	12
Austria	7	3	1	3	16	19	10
San Marino	8	0	0	8	1	44	0

• GROUP 3 •

N Ireland	0-3	Germany
Turkey	2-0	Moldova
Finland	3-2	Moldova
Turkey	3-0	N Ireland
Turkey	1-0	Germany
N Ireland	1-0	Finland
Moldova	1-3	Germany
Turkey	1-3	Finland
N Ireland	2-2	Moldova
Germany	2-0	Finland
Moldova	0-0	N Ireland
Germany	6-1	Moldova
Finland	2-4	Turkey
Moldova	0-0	Finland
Finland	1-2	Germany
N Ireland	0-3	Turkey
Germany	4-0	N Ireland
Moldova	1-1	Turkey

Remaining fixtures

Germany v Turkey - 9 Oct
Finland v N Ireland - 9 Oct

Table

Germany	7	6	0	1	20	4	18
Turkey	7	5	1	1	15	6	16
Finland	7	2	1	4	9	12	7
N Ireland	7	1	2	4	3	15	5
Moldova	8	0	4	4	7	17	4

• GROUP 4 •

Andorra	0-2	Iceland

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Championship Qualifiers

SPAIN, SWEDEN, NORWAY and, barring a miracle, ROMANIA have qualified for the European Championships in Holland and Belgium in the northern summer of 2000.

In the penultimate round, Balkan conflict notwithstanding, four group winners and seven more play-off sides must be decided.

GROUP ONE

ITALY, who needed only a point to qualify against closest challengers DENMARK, went two-up against Peter Schmeichel's side with early goals from Diego Fuser and Christian Vieri. But then the Danes orchestrated a remarkable comeback.

The comeback began with Martin Joergensen's 39th minute goal, and second-half strikes from Michael Schjønberg and Jon Dahl Tomasson won the game for DENMARK, who finished their qualifying group by ensuring a play-off place.

If ITALY gain a point in BELARUS then they will win the group, if not then DENMARK will win the group.

Italy's Giuliano Giannichedda was sent off in the 88th minute and Celtic's Morten Wieghorst of DENMARK was also sent off seven minutes earlier.

The result means that WALES, who did not play last Wednesday night, cannot now qualify for the play-offs even if they beat SWITZERLAND at home on October 9. When the Italians were two-up WALES were beginning to hope for that chance.

The Swiss beat BELARUS by 2-0 in Lausanne



The form of world champions: Zinedine Zidane (left) celebrates his goal.

with Kubilay Turkilmaz scoring both, but are also out.

GROUP TWO

NORWAY qualified at the expense of their only rivals for the automatic place, SLOVENIA, with a 4-0 win in Oslo. Three Premiership players, the Spurs duo of Steffen Iversen and Oyvind Leonhardsen, and Ole Gunnar Solskjær followed an early goal from Erik Hoftun. SLOVENIA, however, are definitely second and in the play-offs following LATVIA's failure to win in GEORGIA.

Shota Arveladze and the former Manchester City midfielder Mikhail Kavelashvili, now playing in SWITZERLAND for FC Zurich, gave the home side a two-goal lead but the Latvians, now managed by Gary Johnson, the ex-Cambridge United manager whose previous job was as Academy Director at Watford, came back with goals from Imants Bleidelis and Igor Stepanovs.

The game between GREECE and ALBANIA was postponed due to the earthquake in Athens, a stark reminder of the relative importance of international football.

GROUP THREE

TURKEY blew their golden chance by drawing 1-1 in MOLDOVA. A win would have meant that a draw in the last game, against GERMANY, would have won them the group. Now the initiative is with the reigning champions, who need only a point in that crunch game in Munich after their win over NORTHERN IRELAND.

GROUP FOUR

The picture is still unsettled in Group 4, but the night's main winners were the World Champions FRANCE.

They won 3-2 in ARMENIA, Youri Djorkaeff,

• GROUP 9 •

Czech Rep	2-0	Lithuania
Estonia	5-0	Faroe Islands
Bosnia	1-0	Faroe Islands
Bosnia	1-1	Estonia
Lithuania	0-0	Scotland
Faroe Islands	0-1	Czech Rep
Bosnia	1-3	Czech Rep
Lithuania	0-0	Faroe Islands
Scotland	3-2	Estonia
Lithuania	4-2	Bosnia
Scotland	2-1	Faroe Islands
Czech Rep	4-1	Estonia
Lithuania	1-2	Estonia
Scotland	1-2	Czech Rep
Estonia	0-2	Czech Rep
Faroe Islands	1-1	Scotland
Bosnia	2-0	Lithuania
Estonia	1-2	Lithuania
Faroe Islands	2-2	Bosnia
Czech Rep	3-2	Scotland
Bosnia	1-2	Scotland
Faroe Islands	0-2	Estonia
Lithuania	0-4	Czech Rep
Czech Rep	3-0	Bosnia
Estonia	0-0	Scotland
Faroe Islands	0-1	Lithuania

Remaining fixtures

- Scotland v Bosnia - 5 Oct
- Estonia v Bosnia - 9 Oct
- Czech Rep v Faroe Islands - 9 Oct
- Scotland v Lithuania - 9 Oct

Table

Czech Republic	9	9	0	0	24	5	24
Scotland	8	3	3	2	11	10	12
Estonia	9	3	2	4	14	13	11
Lithuania	9	3	2	4	8	13	11
Bosnia-Herz.	8	2	2	4	10	13	8
Faroe Islands	9	0	3	6	4	15	3

GROUP FIVE

SWEDEN completed a 1-0 win in LUXEMBURG to maintain their unbeaten record in Group 5, Sheffield Wednesday's Niclas Alexandersson scoring the goal after 39 minutes. They must beat POLAND in Stockholm next month to deny the Poles a play-off place.

GROUP SIX

SPAIN qualified for the finals with an 8-0 win over CYPRUS. Hat-tricks by Urzaiz and Guerrero meant revenge for the defeat in Nicosia at the start of qualifying. The play-off place is still open but ISRAEL, who beat SAN MARINO 8-0 in Tel-Aviv, are favourites.

GROUP SEVEN

In the decider, ROMANIA took a 30th minute lead when Gheorghe Hagi, out of international retirement for the umpteenth time, scored against PORTUGAL. Luis Figo equalised on the stroke of half-time, but their dropped points in AZERBAIJAN will be crucial and the Romanians only need to win at group whipping-boys LIECHTENSTEIN next month to book their place. The Portuguese will be wild cards to avoid in the play-offs.

SLOVAKIA beat LIECHTENSTEIN by 2-0 and HUNGARY beat AZERBAIJAN 3-0 in meaningless matches in that group.

GROUP EIGHT

In the tight Group 8, Republic of Ireland's win in Malta means that if they win in Macedonia and Yugoslavia do not beat Croatia in Zagreb then the Irish win the group. Croatia need a win to win the group if the Irish do not win, or to finish second if the Irish do.

Yugoslavia won 4-2 in Macedonia earlier with Savo Milosevic scoring possibly the fastest ever international goal after just ten seconds.

GROUP NINE

The CZECH REPUBLIC won a ninth successive qualifier with a 3-0 win over BOSNIA, a result that helps SCOTLAND, who drew 0-0 in ESTONIA in the race for second spot in Group 9.

LITHUANIA have a chance to get there after a 1-0 win in the FAROE ISLANDS. If SCOTLAND fail to beat BOSNIA then a win for LITHUANIA at Hampden in October would see them in the play-offs.



Christian Vieri: Scored for Italy, but it wasn't enough.

WORLD

LAZIO WANT OUT

Club to build new stadium

Lazio plan to leave Rome's Olympic stadium and move to a new ground.

A club spokeswoman confirmed a report in Rome daily Corriere dello Sport but stressed plans were still at an early stage.

"It is only a project. We haven't got the land, so we are waiting. But there is no date yet," she said.

Corriere said Lazio planned to build a 40,000-capacity stadium, modelled on Manchester United's Old Trafford, in time for the 2000/01 season.

The stadium, which would be located in the north of the city, would cost an estimated 50 billion lire (about \$57m).

The paper said Lazio were awaiting permission from the Rome city government but hoped to begin work in early December.

Lazio have shared the 81,000-capacity Olympic stadium with rivals AS Roma since they left their previous home at the Nazionale stadium in 1953.

While the new venue would have only half the capacity of their current home, it would allow Lazio to develop on-site commercial activities in a way they cannot at the Olympic stadium, which is owned by the Italian Olympic Committee.

Plans for the new stadium include shops, restaurants and a cinema.

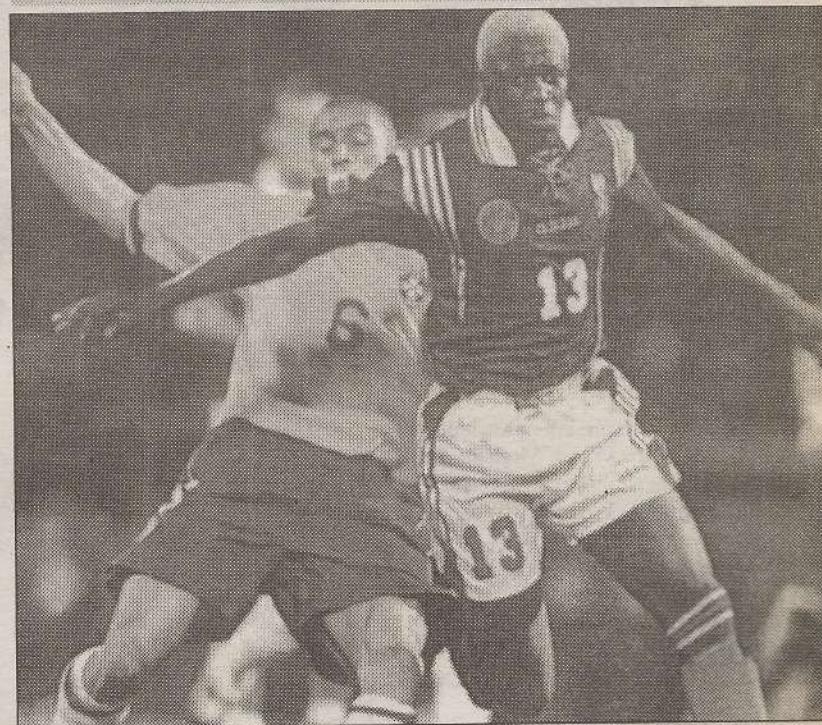
Lazio, Italy's only publicly quoted club, have fewer supporters than Roma despite being more successful in recent seasons. They seldom fill the Olympic stadium for league matches.

Meanwhile, Italy centre back Alessandro Nesta has extended his contract at Lazio until 2004.

Nesta's contract at the Rome side was not due to expire until 2001 but he has been negotiating new terms with club officials for several weeks.

The 23-year-old is already in his seventh season with Lazio and is club captain.

BA STAYS PUT



Ibrahim Ba: Rejected Middlesbrough offer.

AC Milan's French international midfielder Ibrahim Ba has turned down a move to English Premier League club Middlesbrough.

The Italian champions agreed a one-year loan deal with Middlesbrough last week and Ba, who appears not to feature in the plans of Milan coach Alberto Zaccheroni, was expected to sign a contract.

"I gave the matter some good thought because Middlesbrough officials came to Milan to speak to me and it would not have been right to turn them down without some consid-



eration, but I am not going to Middlesbrough," Ba told the daily newspaper Tuttosport.

The decision will frustrate Milan who have been trying to offload Ba throughout the off-season but the Frenchman hopes the club will be understanding.

"I know there is no place for me (in the Milan squad) at the moment but this is a big club and I hope there will not be any problems for me because I have not accepted the move to Middlesbrough.

"Although I have said no to Middlesbrough it does not mean I am not open to offers from other clubs" Ba said.

Ba has not explained his reasons for rejecting the move to England but Italian press reports have suggested he would prefer to spend a year on loan in Italy, keeping open the possibility of a return to Milan at the end of his loan spell.

Middlesbrough sign the "new Maradona"

English premier league club Middlesbrough have signed Argentine under-18 international midfielder Carlos Arturo Marinelli — described as the "new Maradona" — for 1.5 million pounds (\$3.75 million).

Manager Bryan Robson clinched the capture of Boca Juniors' outstanding prospect with a visit to Buenos Aires.

Marinelli has signed a five-year contract.

Ricard (Colombia) and Mark Schwarzer (Australia).

Robson said: "The boy has huge potential. Everyone who has seen him agreed he is one of the best players of his age they have ever seen. The talks went well and Carlos was keen to join us."

Marinelli's signing is compensation for Middlesbrough after French international Ibrahim Ba decided against a move from AC Milan.

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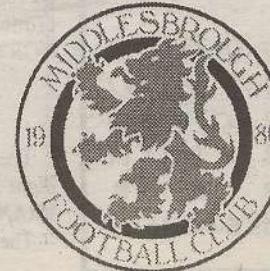
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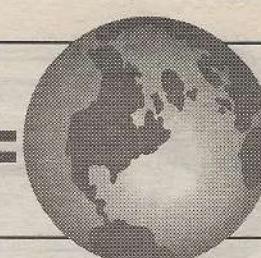
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Francesco Toldo: Rejected club's attempt to sell him.

Fiorentina goalkeeper Francesco Toldo has become the latest player to reject his club's attempt to sell him.

With many clubs looking to cash in on players before their contracts run out and they become free agents under the Bosman ruling, players in Italy are increasingly vulnerable to sale by wheeler-dealer presidents.

But Toldo, like a growing number of players in Serie A, is demanding the right to see out his contract.

The No. 2 goalkeeper in the Italian national team believes Fiorentina is ready to sell him at the end of this season to Rome club Lazio.

"I have the feeling that there is an agreement between Fiorentina and Lazio for my transfer to the capital," Toldo told Gazzetta dello Sport daily last Tuesday, responding to rumours of a possible deal.

"I don't want to change shirts. Florence is a splendid city and Fiorentina are a team who can win the title. Why would I want to go? On the contrary I would like to extend my contract until 2004."

Toldo has demanded that Fiorentina president Vittorio Cecchi Gori publicly deny any deal has been struck.

"I would like president Cecchi Gori to make clear that Toldo will stay for many years in Florence. The time for clarification has arrived," the goalkeeper said.

The situation reflects the flip side of post-Bosman player power, with the actions of players such as **Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink** and **Nicolas Anelka**, who successfully demanded big money moves from English clubs Leeds United and Arsenal, prompting many to suggest that players no longer respect contracts or show loyalty to their clubs.

Inter Milan's Nigerian international defender **Taribo West** and AC Milan's French international midfielder **Ibrahim Ba** have also rejected recent attempts by their clubs to sell them.

West, who turned down a move to Turkish club Galatasaray in August reminded Inter that while he is contracted to them, he cannot be sold against his will.

"I am not some item in a sale that can be bought on the cheap," he said. "No one can say that Taribo West is finished and he can go to Turkey or Greece. When I go, I will go to a club on a level with Inter."

AC Milan have been keen to offload Ba and recently agreed a one-year loan deal with

English side Middlesbrough.

But while the two clubs seemed to believe the deal was done, Ba had other ideas and enforced his right to say no.

Italian media reports have suggested Ba did not want to uproot his family — a reminder that some players have considerations other than the next lucrative contract.

But there are limits to the new stubborn attitudes of players, with some still agreeing, albeit reluctantly, to transfers even when they would happily stay put.

Luigi Di Biagio was sold by AS Roma to Inter Milan on the eve of the new season but said he would have been happy to stay in the capital if coach Fabio Capello and president Franco Sensi had wanted him.

"The deal with Inter is one which Capello and the club wanted," he said after the transfer was announced.

Ba's comments following his rejection of Middlesbrough perhaps explain why players like Di Biagio agree to move when it becomes clear their clubs are ready to sell.

"I hope there will not be any problems for me because I have not accepted the move to Middlesbrough," Ba said.

Stay where you are, Stan

Aston Villa manager John Gregory has warned striker Stan Collymore he must seal a permanent move to first division side Fulham, where he is currently playing on loan.

Speculation is growing that Fulham might decide to send the 28-year-old former England international striker back to Villa Park when his three-month loan deal ends on October 19.

However the Villa boss has made it clear that for the sake of his career, Collymore needs to make the move permanent.

"This might be his last chance of getting himself a club and he has to make them keen



to sign him," said Gregory.

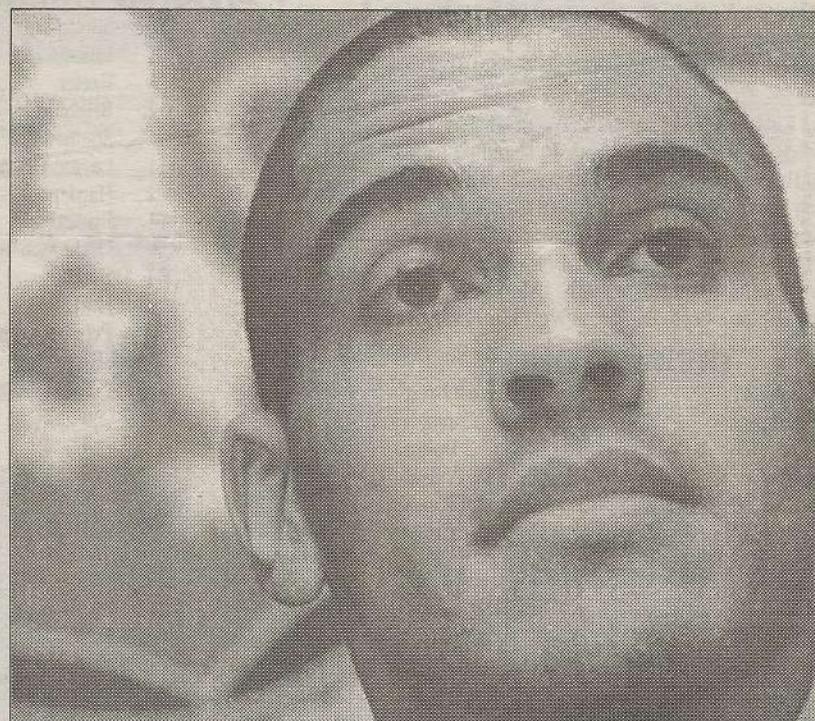
"I have a feeling that Fulham might want to buy him."

"He would be better off staying there than coming back to us."

"He was training with the reserves before he went there and he would go back to that if he returned."

Villa paid a club record 7 million pounds (\$17m) to sign Collymore from Liverpool in the northern summer of 1997.

But a combination of poor form and much-publicised problems in his private life over the past two years has seen his value plummet.



Stan Collymore: Not wanted at Aston Villa.

LIGHTS ... CAMERA ... ACTION



Ally McCoist: Would-be movie star.

More than 23,000 supporters sat for six hours in Scotland's national stadium last week for the ultimate fantasy football match.

The star-struck fans turned up at Hampden Park simply in the hope of making it on to the cinema screen for a split-second as part of a new film featuring Oscar winner Robert Duvall and former Scotland striker Ally McCoist.

The producers of The Cup Final, a rags-to-riches tale about a football team from a small Scottish village, believe that Hampden's cast of thousands will help provide the authenticity which has plagued so many of football's attempts to score on the big screen.

Rob Carliner, producer of the 7.5 million pound (\$20 million) film, said: "We wanted to capture the spirit of the famous Hampden roar."

McCoist, who scored 19 goals in 60 appearances for Scotland and was the European Golden Boot winner in 1992, stars alongside Duvall, most famous for his role in The Godfather.

McCoist, 37, currently plays for Kilmarnock in the Scottish premier league after spending 15 years with Rangers where he netted 350 goals to become the club's record scorer.

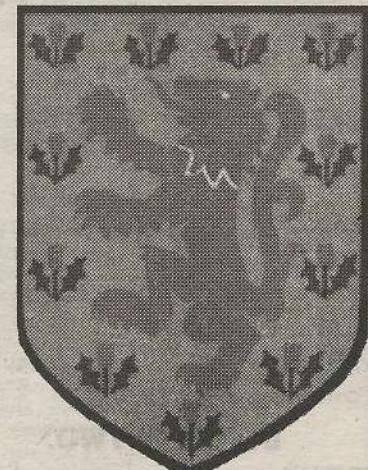
But it was McCoist's television activities — he hosts a sports quiz show on BBC Television and a chat show in Scotland — which convinced the producers that the player could be

convincing in front of camera as well as in front of goal.

"We have created a real game for The Cup Final, using footballers who can act rather than actors trying to play football," Carliner said.

Ironically, Rangers icon McCoist is cast as a former player from arch-rivals Celtic who helps turn fictional club Kilnockie, a struggling team from a small fishing village managed by Duvall, into one which reaches the Scottish Cup Final to play against the millionaires of Rangers.

The Scottish Football Association even loaned the real 125-year-old Scottish Cup trophy to the producers to add to the authenticity.



WORLD

PREMIER LEAGUE

Bradford City	1	Tottenham Hotspur	1
Arsenal	3	Aston Villa	1
Chelsea	1	Newcastle United	0
Coventry City	3	Leeds United	4
Liverpool	2	Manchester United	3
Middlesbrough	3	Southampton	2
Sheffield Wednesday	0	Everton	2
Sunderland	2	Leicester City	0
West Ham Utd	1	Watford	0
Wimbledon	2	Derby County	2
TABLE			
1. Manchester United	7	6	1
2. Chelsea	5	4	1
3. West Ham United	5	4	1
4. Leeds United	7	4	1
5. Arsenal	7	4	1
6. Aston Villa	7	4	1
7. Middlesbrough	7	4	0
8. Sunderland	7	3	2
9. Everton	7	3	1
10. Tottenham	6	3	1
11. Leicester	7	3	1
12. Liverpool	6	3	0
13. Southampton	6	3	0
14. Derby County	7	2	2
15. Watford	7	2	0
16. Wimbledon	7	1	3
17. Coventry	7	1	2
18. Bradford City	6	1	2
19. Newcastle	7	0	1
20. Sheffield Wednesday	7	0	1

LEADING SCORERS

- 6 - Andy Cole (Manchester United)
 5 - Dwight Yorke (Manchester United), Kevin Phillips (Sunderland).
 4 - Dion Dublin (Aston Villa), Emile Heskey (Leicester City), Michael Bridges (Leeds United), Hassa Kachloul (Southampton).
 3 - Michael Bridges (Leeds United), Hamilton Ricard (Middlesbrough), Carl Cort (Wimbledon), Tim Sherwood (Tottenham Hotspur), Robbie Keane (Coventry City), Muzzy Izzet (Leicester City), Julian Joachim (Aston Villa), David Unsworth (Everton), Brian Deane (Middlesbrough), Marian Pahars (Southampton), Paolo Di Canio (West Ham United).

DIVISION ONE

Birmingham	1	-	1
Blackburn	2	-	0
Charlton	2	-	1
Grimsby	1	-	0
Man. City	2	-	1
Norwich	2	-	1
Port Vale	0	-	2
Portsmouth	1	-	1
QPR	P	-	P
Swindon	0	-	0
Wolverhampton	0	-	1
Barnsley	2	-	1
TABLE			
1 Ipswich	6	4	2
2 Man City	6	4	1
3 Birmingham	7	3	3
4 Barnsley	7	4	0
5 Huddersfield	6	3	1
6 Fulham	6	2	4
7 West Brom	6	2	4
8 Charlton	4	3	0
9 Nottm. Forest	7	2	3
10 Stockport	5	3	0
11 Portsmouth	6	2	3
12 QPR	5	2	2
13 Grimsby	7	2	2
14 Sheff Utd	6	2	2
15 Blackburn	5	2	1
16 Port Vale	7	2	1
17 Walsall	7	1	3
18 Wolverhampton	5	1	2
19 Crewe	5	1	2
20 Bolton	6	1	2
21 Norwich	6	1	2
22 Swindon	6	1	2
23 Tranmere	7	1	1
24 Crystal Palace	6	1	1

DIVISION TWO

Bournemouth	3	-	1
Bristol City	0	-	0
Cambridge	2	-	2

DIVISION THREE

Cheltenham	0	Shrewsbury	1
Carlisle	1	Lincoln	0
Chester	1	Exeter	1
Halifax	2	Brighton	1
Macclesfield	1	Southend	2
Mansfield	1	Leyton Orient	1
Northampton	2	Hartlepool	1
Plymouth	1	Rotherham	1
Rochdale	0	Darlington	0
Swansea	1	Barnet	2
Torquay	0	Hull	1
York	0	Peterborough	0
TABLE			
1. Barnet	7	5	2
2. Exeter	7	4	2
3. Darlington	7	4	2
4. Rochdale	7	4	1
5. Northampton	7	4	1
6. Peterborough	7	4	1
7. Southend	7	4	1
8. Swansea	6	4	0
9. Halifax	7	4	0
10. Brighton	7	3	2
11. Rotherham	7	3	2
12. Torquay	7	3	2
13. Carlisle	7	3	2
14. Plymouth	7	2	3
15. Cheltenham	6	3	0
16. Shrewsbury	7	2	2
17. Macclesfield	7	2	1
18. Hull	7	2	1
19. Leyton Orient	7	1	2
20. Lincoln	7	1	2
21. Mansfield	7	1	2
22. York	7	1	2
23. Hartlepool	7	1	1
24. Chester	7	0	2

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Dundee Utd	3	-	1
Hearts	4	-	0
Rangers	3	-	0
St Johnstone	1	-	1
Celtic	1	-	0
TABLE			
1. Rangers	6	6	0
2. Celtic	6	5	0
3. Dundee United	6	3	2
4. Hearts	6	3	1
5. St Johnstone	6	2	2
6. Hibernian	6	1	3
7. Dundee	6	2	0
8. Motherwell	6	1	3
9. Kilmarnock	6	1	1
10. Aberdeen	6	0	0

DIVISION TWO

Bournemouth	3	-	1
Bristol City	0	-	0
Cambridge	2	-	2

LEADING SCORERS

- 7 - Michael Mols (Rangers)
 5 - Gary McSwegan (Hearts)
 4 - Claudi Reyna (Rangers), Willie Falconer (Dundee), Mark Viduka (Celtic), Henrik Larsson (Celtic)
 3 - Dirk Lehmann (Hibernian), Lee McCulloch (Motherwell) Eyal Berkovic (Celtic), Nathan Lowndes (St Johnstone), Billy Dodds (Dundee United),

DIVISION ONE

Ayr	2	-	0
Dunfermline	1	-	1
Falkirk	0	-	2
Inverness CT	1	-	0
Morton	2	-	0
TABLE			
1 St Mirren	6	4	2
2 Dunfermline	6	3	3
3 Livingston	6	3	2
4 Falkirk	6	3	1
5 G Morton	6	2	3
6 Raith	6	2	2
7 Ayr	6	2	1
8 Inverness CT	6	1	1
9 Airdrie	6	1	1
10 Clydebank	6	0	2

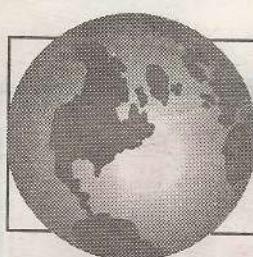
DIVISION TWO

Alloa	2	-	0
Arbroath	2	-	1
Clyde	2	-	0
Hamilton	2	-	1
Queen of South	0	-	3
TABLE			
1 Arbroath	6	4	1
2 St Mirren	6	3	3
3 Livingston	6	3	2
4 Falkirk	6	2	3
5 Ross County	6	2	2
6 Stirling	6	2	1
7 Stranraer	6	0	5
8 Queen of South	6	1	2
9 Hamilton	6	1	2
10 Partick	6	1	1

DIVISION THREE

Albion	1	-	3</td

WORLD


GERMAN FIRST DIVISION

Werder Bremen	5	Kaiserslautern	0	4	3	1	0	13	4	10
TSV 1860 Munich	2	Eintracht Frankfurt	0	5	RKC Waalwijk	4	2	1	1	6
SpVgg Unterhaching	2	VfB Stuttgart	0	6	Roda JC Kerkrade	4	2	1	1	7
Hamburg SV	5	Hertha Berlin	1	7	AZ Alkmaar	3	2	0	1	5
Borussia Dortmund	1	SC Freiburg	1	8	Utrecht	3	2	0	1	2
MSV Duisburg	1	Bayern Munich	2	9	Twente Enschede	4	1	2	1	5
Bayer Leverkusen	3	Schalke 04	2	10	Vitesse Arnhem	4	1	2	1	8
Arminia Bielefeld	0	VfL Wolfsburg	0	11	Sparta Rotterdam	3	1	0	2	4
Hansa Rostock	2	SSV Ulm	1	12	Heerenveen	4	1	0	3	8
				13	Graafschap	3	0	2	1	2
				14	Cam/Leeuwarden	4	0	2	2	9
				15	Den Bosch	3	0	1	2	7
				16	Fortuna Sittard	4	0	1	3	4
				17	MVV Maastricht	4	0	1	3	6
				18	NEC Nijmegen	3	0	0	3	5

TABLE
JAPAN'S J.LEAGUE

Jubilo Iwata	1	Nagoya G.Eight	2
Yokohama F Marinos	0	Vissel Kobe	1
Bellmare Hiratsuka	0	Avispa Fukuoka	3
Kashima Antlers	2	Urawa Reds	1
Cerezo Osaka	4	Gamba Osaka	1
Kyoto Purple Sanga	1	Verdy Kawasaki	0
Kashiwa Reysol	0	Sanfrecce Hiroshima	4
Shimizu S-Pulse	2	JEF United Ichihara	1

TABLE

1. Yokohama	7	5	1	1	16	7	15
2. Shimizu	7	5	0	2	14	8	14
3. Kyoto	7	5	0	2	12	6	14
4. Kawasaki	7	5	0	2	14	10	13
5. Hiroshima	6	4	0	2	15	10	11
6. Kashiba	7	4	0	3	10	10	11
7. Kobe	7	3	2	2	11	12	10
8. Nagoya	7	3	1	3	14	17	10
9. Cerezo Osaka	7	4	0	3	16	14	9
10. Kashima	7	3	0	4	13	12	8
11. Gamba Osaka	7	3	0	4	5	10	8
12. Fukuoka	6	2	1	3	8	8	7
13. Ichihara	7	2	0	5	11	15	5
14. Iwata	7	2	0	5	7	14	5
15. Hiratsuka	7	1	1	5	11	16	4
16. Urawa	7	1	0	6	8	16	3

(Note: Winners in extra time are awarded 2 points)

Portuguese premier league

Gil Vicente	2	Uniao Leiria	0
Estrela Amadora	2	Vitoria Guimaraes	2
Farense	0	Sporting Lisbon	3
Vitoria Setubal	4	Maritimo	2
Santa Clara	0	Benfica	3
Rio Ave	4	Salgueiros	1
Braga	0	Porto	1
Boavista	1	Belenenses	0

YUGOSLAV CHAMPIONSHIP

Cukaricki	1	Hajduk Belgrade	0
Buducnost	2	Borac Cacak	0
Rad Belgrade	1	Milicionar	1
OFK Beograd	0	Sartid Smederevo	1
Radnicki	0	Mogren Budva	0
Spartak Subotica	0	Obilic Belgrade	0
Radnicki Nis	1	Hajduk Kula	0
Sutjeska Niksic	1	Vojvodina Novi Sad	0
Zemun Belgrade	0	Red Star	4
Partizan Belgrade	1	Proliter Zrenjanin	0
Pristina	P	Zeleznik	P

TABLE

1. Proleter	4	3	0	1	8	3	9
2. Partizan	3	3	0	0	5	2	9
3. Zeleznik	3	2	1	0	7	3	7
4. Obilic	4	2	1	1	6	4	7
5. Sutjeska	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
6. Hajduk (K)	4	2	0	2	5	3	6
7. Vojvodina	4	2	0	2	4	2	6
8. Crvena Zvezda	3	1	2	0	6	2	5
9. Rad	4	1	2	1	5	4	5
10. Buducnost	4	1	2	1	5	4	5
11. Sartid	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
12. Milicionar	4	1	2	1	4	5	5
13. Cukaricki	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
14. OFK Beograd	4	1	1	2	5	6	4
15. Borac	4	1	1	2	8	11	4
16. Radnicki (K)	4	1	1	2	2	5	4
17. Zemun	4	1	1	2	6	10	4
18. Spartak	4	1	1	2	1	6	4
19. Hajduk (B)	4	1	0	3	8	8	3
20. Mogren	4	0	3	1	3	5	3
21. Radnicki (N)	4	1	0	3	3	9	3
22. Pristina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LEADING SCORERS

- 7 - David Trezeguet (Monaco)
 4 - Lilian Laslandes (Girondins Bordeaux), Stephane Guivarc'h (AJ Auxerre), Marco Simone (Monaco), Cedric Mionnet (Sedan)
 3 - Frederic Ne (Bastia), Tony Vairelles (Olympique Lyon), Ibrahim Bakayoko (Olympique Marseille), Tony Cascarino (Nancy), Antoine Sibierski (Nantes), Shabani Nonda (Rennes), Aloisio, Stephane Pedron (both Saint-Etienne), Olivier Quint (Sedan) Dutch

FIRST DIVISION

Sparta Rotterdam	3	Utrecht	0	4	4	0	0	14	4	12
De Graafschap	1	PSV Eindhoven	2	4	3	1	0	13	3	10
Fortuna Sittard	0	RKC Waalwijk	2	4	3	1	0	13	3	10
Twente Enschede	0	Vitesse Arnhem	0	4	3	1	0	14	6	10
Heerenveen	2	Willem II Tilburg	4	4	3	1	0	14	6	10
MVV Maastricht	1	Cam/Leeuwarden	1	4	3	1	0	14	6	10
Ajax	2	Feyenoord	2	4	3	1	0	14	6	10
AZ Alkmaar	1	Roda JC	2	4	3	1	0	14	6	10

TABLE

1. PSV Eindhoven
 2. Feyenoord
 3. Ajax Amsterdam



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ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

WINNING DOES PAY

What each player will receive for winning the various competitions this season

CLUB BONUS SCHEMES

CLUB	LEAGUE	FA CUP	LEAGUE CUP.	EUROPE
Arsenal	£100,000	£75,000	£50,000	£100,000
Aston Villa	£60,000	£45,000	£40,000	
Bradford	£30,000	£20,000	£20,000	
Chelsea	£150,000	£100,000	£50,000	£250,000
Coventry	£30,000	£25,000	£20,000	
Derby	£25,000	£25,000	£20,000	
Everton	£40,000	£35,000	£30,000	
Leeds	£40,000	£35,000	£30,000	£40,000
Leicester	£30,000	£25,000	£20,000	
Liverpool	£50,000	£40,000	£35,000	
Manchester Utd	£125,000	N/A *	£40,000	£150,000
Middlesbrough	£50,000	£45,000	£40,000	
Newcastle	£75,000	£50,000	£45,000	£75,000
Sheffield W	£40,000	£35,000	£25,000	
Southampton	£25,000	£25,000	£20,000	
Sunderland	£50,000	£40,000	£35,000	
Tottenham	£45,000	£40,000	£30,000	£50,000
Watford	£25,000	£20,000	£15,000	
West Ham	£40,000	£35,000	£25,000	
Wimbledon	£30,000	£30,000	£20,000	

* Manchester United on £150,000 per player to win the World Club Championship in Brazil.
Watford and Bradford players are also on a £10,000 bonus to avoid relegation from the Premier League.
• Information obtained from Sunday Mirror newspaper